

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON

1899



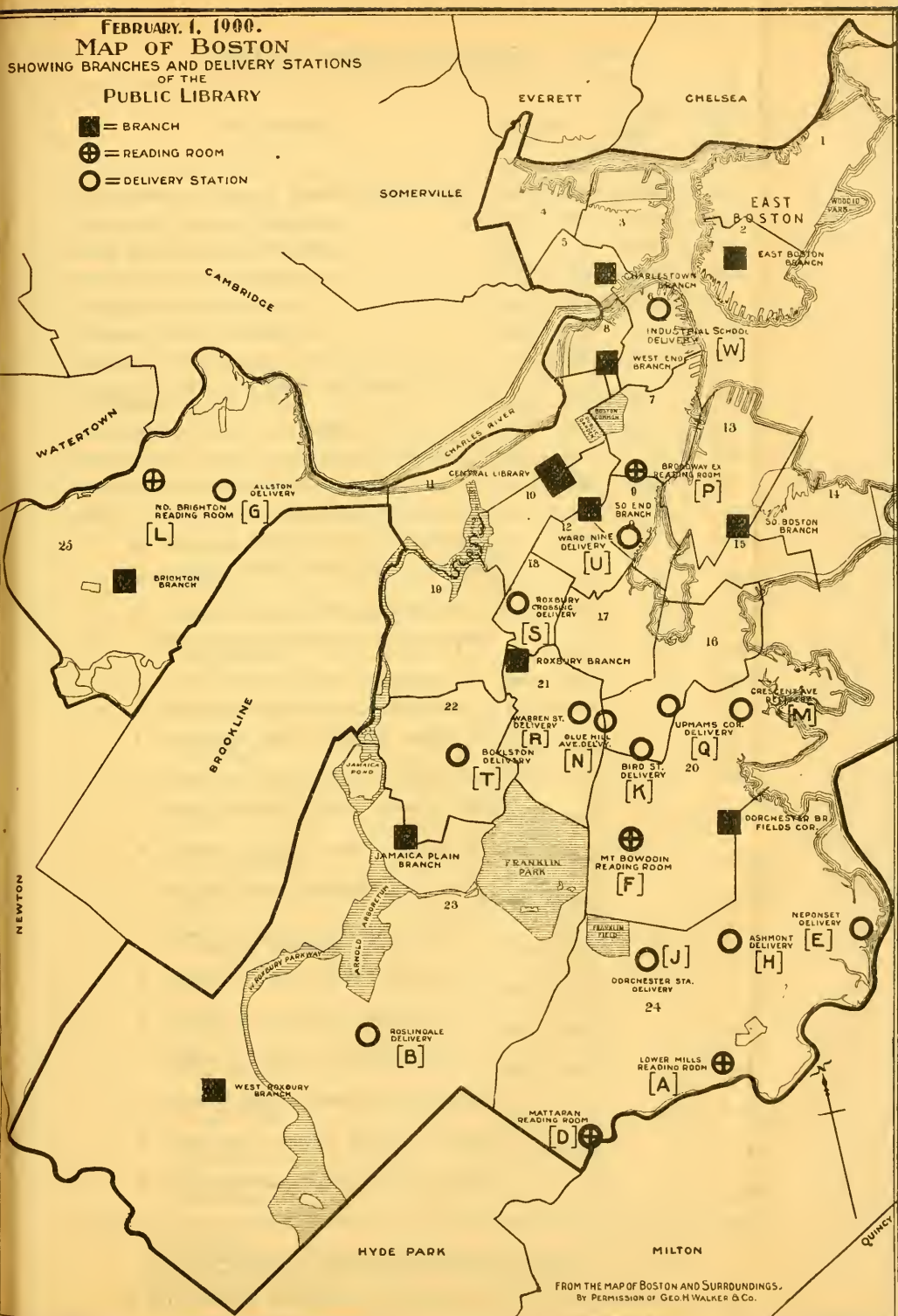
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FEBRUARY 1, 1900.
MAP OF BOSTON
 SHOWING BRANCHES AND DELIVERY STATIONS
 OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

- = BRANCH
 = READING ROOM
 = DELIVERY STATION



FROM THE MAP OF BOSTON AND SURROUNDINGS,
 BY PERMISSION OF GEO. H. WALKER & CO.

LIBRARY SYSTEM, FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

DEPARTMENTS.	Opened.	Volumes, Jan. 31, 1900.	Circulated for home use, 1899-1900.
Central Library, Copley sq. Established May 2, 1854...	Mar. 11, 1895	579,653	430,987
† East Boston Branch, 37 Meridian st.....	Jan. 28, 1871	11,559	58,967
§ South Boston Branch, 372 Broadway.....	May 1, 1872	14,472	74,280
§§ Roxbury Branch, 46 Millmont st.....	July, 1873	33,425	80,422
† Charlestown Branch, City sq.....	*Jan., 1874	31,943	45,289
† Brighton Branch, Rockland st.....	*Jan., 1874	14,357	36,017
† Dorchester Branch, Arcadia, cor. Adams st.....	Jan. 25, 1875	15,927	52,654
† South End Branch, English High School Building, Montgomery st.....	Aug., 1877	13,321	85,423
† Jamaica Plain Branch, Curtis Hall, Centre st.....	Sept., 1877	12,525	46,558
† West Roxbury Branch, Centre, near Mt. Vernon st....	*Jan. 6, 1880	4,521	22,649
† West End Branch, Cambridge, cor. Lynde st.....	Feb. 1, 1896	11,323	123,901
Station A. Lower Mills Reading Room, Washington st..	June 7, 1875	88	5,297
“ B. Roslindale Delivery Station, 25 Poplar st...	Dec. 3, 1878	.....	14,025
“ D. Mattapan Reading Room, River, cor. Oak- land st.....	Dec. 27, 1881	98	3,851
“ E. Neponset Delivery Station, 49 Walnut st.....	Jan. 1, 1883	.....	6,175
“ F. Mt. Bowdoin Reading Room, Washington, cor. Eldon st.....	Nov. 1, 1886	992	10,865
“ G. Allston Delivery Station, 14 Franklin st....	Mar. 11, 1889	.....	9,675
“ H. Ashmont Delivery Station, 4 Talbot ave....	July 26, 1890	.....	8,072
“ J. Dorchester Station Delivery Station, 157 Norfolk st.....	Nov. 12, 1890	.....	8,430
“ K. Bird Street Delivery Station, 6 Wayland st.	Jan. 22, 1892	.....	5,071
“ L. North Brighton Reading Room, 56 Mar- ket st.....	May 9, 1892	75	3,748
“ M. Crescent Avenue Delivery Station, 1002 Dorchester ave.....	June 25, 1892	.....	6,131
“ N. Blue Hill Avenue Delivery Station, 200 Blue Hill ave.....	Apr. 29, 1892	.....	10,247
“ P. Broadway Extension Delivery Station, 13 Broadway Extension.....	Jan. 16, 1896	1,754	24,113
“ Q. Upham's Corner Delivery Station, 752 Dud- ley st.....	Mar. 16, 1896	.....	15,191
“ R. Warren Street Delivery Station, 329 War- ren st.....	May 1, 1896	.....	13,642
“ S. Roxbury Crossing Delivery Station, 1173 Tremont st.....	Jan. 18, 1897	213	13,021
“ T. Boylston Delivery Station, Lamartine, cor. Paul Gore st.....	Nov. 1, 1897	137	9,940
“ U. Ward Nine Delivery Station, 62 Union Park st.....	Dec. 27, 1898	.....	13,442
“ W. Industrial School Delivery Station, 39 North Bennet st.....	Nov. 3, 1899	.....	2,255

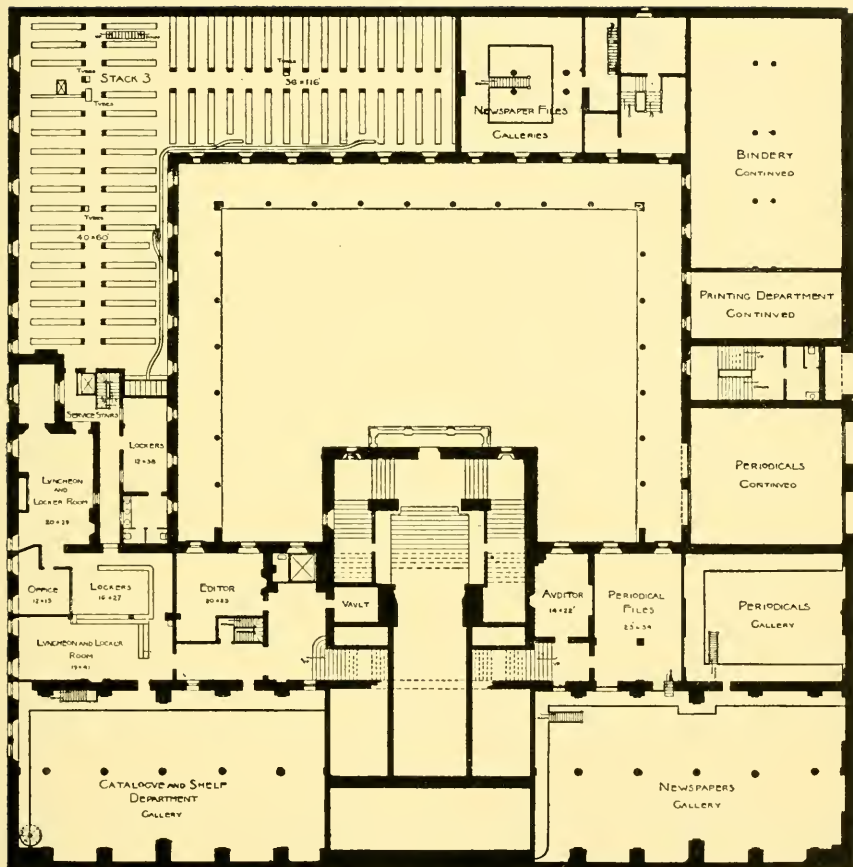
* As a branch.

† In buildings owned by the city, and exclusively devoted to library uses.

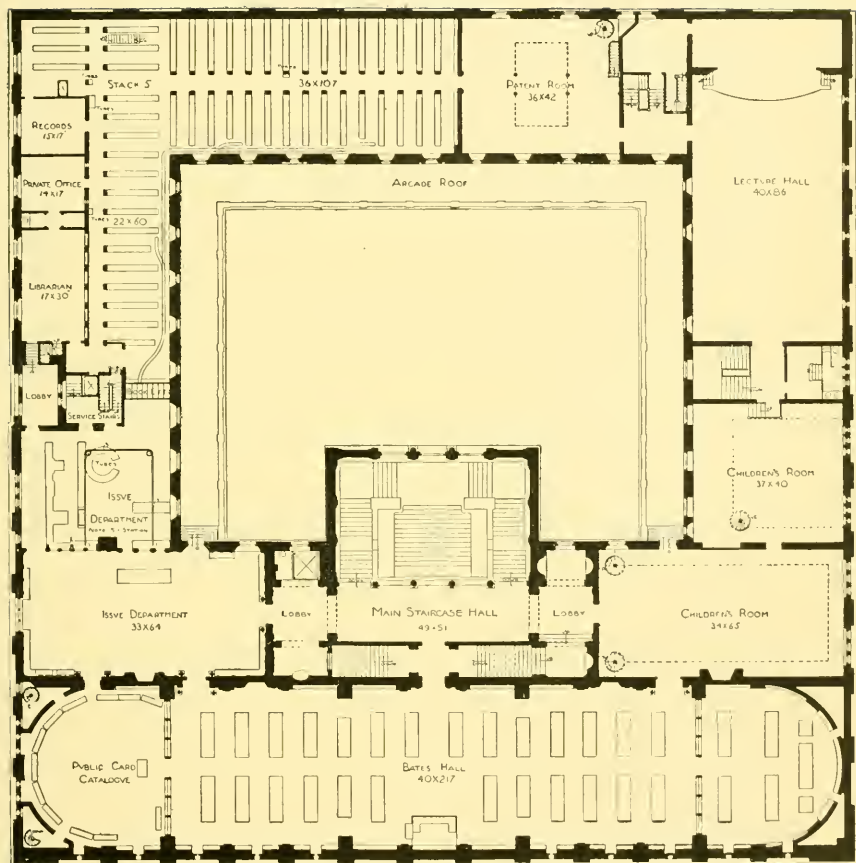
‡ In city buildings, in part devoted to other municipal uses.

§ Occupies rented rooms.

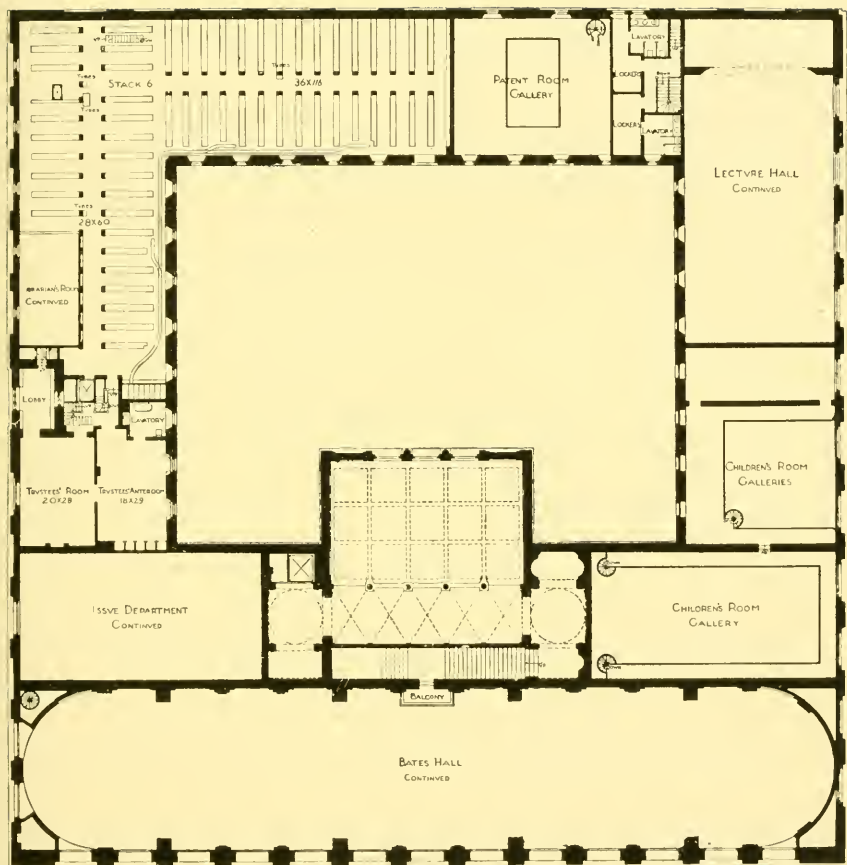
§§ The lessee of the Fellowes Athenæum, a private library association.



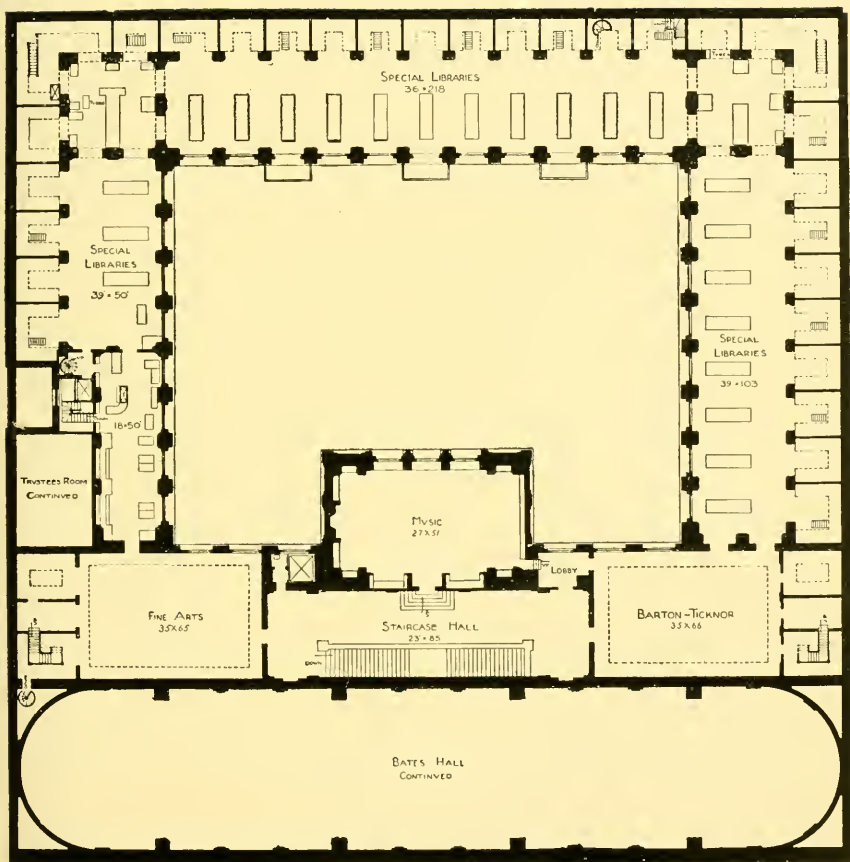
CENTRAL LIBRARY, ENTRESOL A.



CENTRAL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR.



CENTRAL LIBRARY, ENTRESOL B.



CENTRAL LIBRARY, SPECIAL LIBRARIES FLOOR.

TO HIS HONOR THOMAS N. HART,

Mayor of the City of Boston :

The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston present the following report of its condition for the year ending January 31, 1900, being the forty-eighth annual report. They present also the reports of the Librarian, of the Auditor, of various heads of departments, and of the Examining Committee of Citizens. They ask for these the especial attention of all interested in the Library. There will be found in them much information relating to its management, the extent of its use, its increase by purchase and gifts, and the methods adopted to make its resources known and available, and also many details which it is inexpedient to incorporate in this general report.

The Library suffered serious loss during the year by the resignation of the Librarian, Mr. Herbert Putnam, and by the death of Mr. Philip Henry Savage, the Clerk of the Corporation and Secretary of the Librarian.

Mr. Putnam had been the Librarian since the opening of the present building. He was admirably fitted for the duties of the office, and by his learning, his tact and his executive ability he was rapidly perfecting an efficient system of administration, and greatly expanding the usefulness of the Library.

He resigned his position on April 3, 1899, having been appointed Librarian of the Library of Congress.

Mr. Savage died on June 4, 1899. He was Secretary to the Librarian, and had recently been elected Clerk of the Cor-

poration. His office brought him in immediate contact with the public. He discharged its duties with marked wisdom, and gave clear promise of future usefulness.

Mr. James L. Whitney, long connected with the Library, and for many years at the head of the Catalogue Department, was appointed Acting Librarian on March 31, 1899, and Librarian on December 22, 1899. Mr. Otto Fleischner, Custodian of Special Libraries, was appointed Assistant Librarian on January 12, 1900.

The deaths of two gentlemen occurred during the past year, who, although not connected at the time with the Library, deserve mention in this report.

Hon. Frederick O. Prince died on June 6, 1899. He had but a short time previously resigned his office as a Trustee, a position which he had filled since 1888, having been in the latter years President of the Board. His urbanity, his deep interest in the Library and his faithful attention to his duties were conspicuous, and gave great value to his services.

Mr. William W. Greenough died on June 17, 1899. He was chosen a Trustee in 1856, retiring in 1888. For twenty-two years he was President of the Board. Probably no one ever contributed so much time and devotion to the Library as he, and to no one is due a larger share of its success. His interest in it continued to his death.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mayor Prince was filled by the appointment of Dr. Thomas Dwight. The Board was reorganized by the election of Mr. Solomon Lincoln as President, and Dr. James DeNormandie as Vice-President. Mr. Josiah H. Benton, Jr., was reappointed a Trustee to serve for five years from May 1, 1899.

The financial condition of the Library for the past year is briefly exhibited as follows :

EXPENSES.

For salaries	\$170,424 88	
“ books and photographs	26,837 87	
“ periodicals	5,820 57	
“ newspapers	1,970 38	
“ general maintenance	66,397 35	
	<hr/>	\$271,451 05

RECEIPTS.

City appropriation	\$255,000 00	
Income of trust funds	12,337 77	
Miscellaneous sources, gifts, etc.,	4,113 28	
	<hr/>	\$271,451 05

In execution of a power vested in them by a statute of the Commonwealth, the Trustees in February, 1899, sold the old Library building on Boylston street for \$850,000 to the Executors and Trustees acting under the will of the late Frederick L. Ames. The proceeds were paid to the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking-Funds of Boston.

The Trustees think it proper again to call attention to the fact that the income of the Library—never completely sufficient—continues to be diminished by two charges with which, as it seems to them, it should not be burdened. The annual expense of collecting fines imposed for the misuse of books, amounting to \$1,500 or more, falls upon the general appropriation, while the fines collected, amounting to \$5,000 or more annually, are paid into the city treasury.

It seems reasonable to ask that this sum, which in effect represents largely a deterioration in the value of the books, should be restored to the Library in order to replace this loss.

In the second place the Library publishes during the year a considerable number of bulletins, catalogues and other publications, which are of peculiar value in themselves, which attract widespread notice, and secure for the Library much deserved reputation and indirect pecuniary gain. Some of these publications are sold. The expense of preparing and printing them falls upon the appropriation for the Library, while all receipts from their sales are without deduction paid into the city treasury.

In both cases it seems just that only the net receipts after deducting expenses should be paid into the city treasury.

The changes in the Library building, completed during the preceding year have proved to be distinct improvements, have added greatly to the convenient administration of the Library, and have expedited the delivery of books. The building itself is carefully protected and maintained and suffers no deterioration, notwithstanding the great number of visitors and readers, but the books have suffered from constantly increasing use, augmented by the wear of transfer from the old building. A very considerable number need rebinding and are necessarily withdrawn from circulation. It is impossible for the Trustees to supply from their current income the money required for this purpose, and a large special appropriation is needed in the interest of true economy.

The Trustees report as usual a constant growth of the Library and of its use. The number of card-holders has increased during the past year, but by reason of the com-

mencement of a new registration on February 1, 1899, it is impossible to make an accurate comparison with preceding years.

The number of books has increased by the addition of 30,506 volumes through purchase and gifts. The gifts of books during the past year have been larger and more valuable than usual. Of these and of other important gifts the Librarian's report contains a detailed account.

The Library system has been increased during the year by the addition of ten delivery and deposit stations. Applications for farther extensions are constantly received, usually beyond the means at the command of the Trustees to grant.

To exhibit the improvements and growth of the catalogues would require a more detailed statement than is here possible. The work is vast, and yet escapes the notice of the ordinary visitor. The usefulness of the Library depends upon it in large degree, and although the work is never done, a constant gain has been made, and the resources of the Library are more at command than ever before.

The officials of the Library have constantly sought to improve its usefulness in various ways—for instance, through its publications, which are enumerated in the report of Mr. Swift, the editor, and by the frequent collection and exhibition in the Library of books and prints relating to subjects of immediate interest, or connected with the work of pupils in the public schools.

A department of manuscripts has been established. The Library owns many valuable papers and documents which serve as the foundation of a valuable collection.

The Examining Committee of Citizens for the past year was constituted as follows:

Hon. Charles Allen.
Mr. William F. Apthorp.
Mr. Alfred Bowditch.
Hon. Henry W. Bragg.
Francis H. Brown, M.D.
Very Rev. Wm. Byrne.
Hon. P. A. Collins.
Rev. A. T. Connolly.
Mr. James C. Davis.
Rev. E. W. Donald, D.D.
Mr. Chas. F. Donnelly.
Wm. H. Ensworth, M.D.
Hon. J. D. Fallon.
Mr. Thomas J. Gargan.
Rev. G. A. Gordon, D.D.
Mr. Alfred Hemenway.

Mr. Francis L. Higginson.
Mr. Thomas Hills.
Rev. E. A. Horton.
Miss E. F. Mason.
Mr. Frank S. Mason.
Mr. John Noble.
Mr. William L. Putnam.
Mr. Henry R. Reed.
Rev. W. D. Roberts.
Mr. James J. Roche.
Mr. Charles P. Searle.
Mrs. H. H. Sprague.
Miss Frances H. Turner.
Mr. Horace G. Wadlin.
Mrs. Darwin E. Ware.

A copy of their report is submitted.

The Trustees welcome the intelligent interest of such committees and give careful attention to their suggestions.

The use of the Library keeps pace with the growth of the city, and hence demands constantly increasing appropriations of money. But the Trustees believe that the liberal gifts of the city have been faithfully and wisely used, and that, within reasonable limits, no public expenditure produces better returns.

The Library is now well known in both hemispheres, and its custodians receive daily evidence of the high rank it holds and the well-deserved reputation which it secures for the city.

SOLOMON LINCOLN,

President.

JAMES DE NORMANDIE,

Vice-President.

JOSIAH H. BENTON, JR.

HENRY P. BOWDITCH.

THOMAS DWIGHT.

MAY 4, 1900.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees :

The report of the Librarian for the year ending January 31, 1900, is hereby respectfully submitted.

THE LIBRARY SYSTEM.

The Library system has been increased during the year by the establishment of one delivery and deposit station (Station W), and two deliveries to city institutions. Deposits have been sent to one additional engine-house and to seven additional public schools. One delivery (that to the Hancock School) has been discontinued.

The Library system comprises :

The Central Library, on Copley square.

Ten branch libraries, with considerable permanent collections of books.

Five reading-rooms, all of them also delivery and deposit stations, and two, stations F (Mt. Bowdoin) and P (Broadway Extension), having also independent permanent collections of books.

Fourteen delivery stations, all also deposit stations.

Twenty-three engine-houses and one post-office (the Back Bay station) receiving books on deposit.

Five public schools (two high and three grammar schools) receiving deposits from the Central Library, and six schools with deposits from the branch libraries.

Five institutions, receiving deposits.

Two deliveries to officers of city institutions.

A total, besides the Central Library, of seventy-one agencies, as against sixty-one on February 1, 1899, and fifty-seven on February 1, 1898.

Petitions have been received for additional Library agencies, but the funds at the disposal of the Trustees have not allowed the additional expense. Wards 1, 17 and 19 are districts which especially need delivery stations.

THE LIBRARIAN.

Mr. Herbert Putnam, chief officer of the Library, resigned his position April 3, 1899, to become the Librarian of Congress.

Mr. Putnam came, four years before, at a critical time, to this Library. The new building had just been opened to the public, and the Library waited, with all its possibilities, to be set in motion. New departments were to be established and existing ones developed, and the entire institution put upon an enduring basis. To these ends his rare organizing and administrative powers were bent, with a success everywhere manifest.

Mr. Putnam's associates here regret that their friend and chief can no longer be with them, and extend their best wishes to him in his new field of work.

Mr. James L. Whitney, the Chief of the Catalogue Department, was appointed the Acting Librarian, March 31, 1899, and on December 22, was chosen the Librarian. On January 12, 1900, Mr. Otto Fleischner, Custodian of Special Libraries, was appointed the Assistant Librarian.

FINANCE.

The receipts and payments of the Library during the year are given in detail in the statement of the Auditor (Appendix I. of this report).

The estimated cost of maintaining the Library for the year, as submitted to the city government, on December 17, 1898, was	\$287,059
The amount granted by the general appropriation was	255,000
Difference	<hr/> \$32,059

Since the estimates were based on close calculations, item by item, of actual needs, the problem of saving this large sum was a serious one, and only accomplished with prejudice to the Library.

By reason of vacancies in the offices of the Librarian and the Librarian's Secretary, and other officials, the salary account was reduced \$6,513.63. The much needed allowance for the binding of books was reduced \$10,692.26. Of the seriousness of this reduction, further mention is made later in this report. The reduction fell heaviest on books and periodicals, namely, about \$13,000, and but for the reduction of salaries referred to above, the sum at the disposal of the Trustees for popular books would have been entirely inadequate.

The Library has not yet been able to adjust itself to the cutting off of its former income from rentals, and from the receipts from fines and sales of its publications. These amounts since 1898 have been turned into the general income

account of the city, and are no longer specially available for the use of the Library. No allowance has been made to the Library for the loss of these considerable sums.

ENDOWMENTS.

By the provisions of the will of the late Daniel Sharpe Ford, publisher of the Youth's Companion, the sum of \$6,000 was bequeathed to the Boston Public Library. This bequest has not yet been received. The endowments of the Library are the same as last year, namely, \$220,150, the income from which can be used for the purchase of books, and \$50,000, the income to be used for newspapers (Todd newspaper fund). The income from the book funds is \$9,385 a year, with the prospect of a decrease as lower rates of interest prevail. This sum is insufficient to purchase the books of permanent value needed by the Library. During the past year attention has been called in the Boston newspapers to the "Needs of the Boston Public Library," in the matter of increased endowment. These articles are deemed of especial significance, and are reprinted in the closing pages of this report.

GROSS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

Gross Income.—The gross income of the Library from all sources, including balances February 1, 1899, except special appropriations, was as follows:

General appropriation	\$255,000 00
Trust funds:	
Income in hands of the City Treasurer	14,426 76
Miscellaneous donations for the purchase of books and photographs	1,865 88
Exchange account	1,585 25
Interest on bank deposit	1,670 65
Codman memorial fund (principal)	2 00
London accounts:	
Trust funds	\$14,473 12
General book funds	11,819 04
Interest on above	383 08
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	26,675 24
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	\$301,225 78
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<i>Expenditure.</i> —From general income	\$255,000 00
From exchange account (money refunded)	15 40
From trust funds income (including Todd fund)	12,337 77
From general book fund	2,495 03
From miscellaneous gifts	1,602 85
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	\$271,451 05

A nominal balance on February 1, 1900, would appear as \$29,774.73. This is, however, subject to outstanding obligations and in part to special restrictions. The available balance is but \$22,690.94 made up as follows :

Applicable to photographs	\$28 74
Applicable to books, as follows :	
Trust funds income : nominal balance	\$16,735 23
Less outstanding orders and necessary reserve for continuations	6,283 13
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General book funds	\$9,533 97
Less outstanding orders	798 66
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	8,735 31
Exchange account	1,569 85
Interest : domestic account	1,670 65
Cash donations : balances on hand	234 29
Codman memorial fund (principal \$2).	
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	\$22,690 94

It is to be observed further that the bulk of the above available balance is composed of funds applicable only to the purchase of books, and to a great extent of funds which must be reserved for the purchase of books of a very special character, *e.g.*, the Charlotte Harris fund — balance \$4,218.18 — restricted to the purchase of books published prior to 1850.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Those with apparent existing balances are the Building appropriation (construction of Copley Square building), Furnishing appropriation (Copley Square building), and the appropriation for Improvement of the Broadway Extension Delivery Station. The Auditor's exhibit shows :

<i>Building Appropriation.</i> — Nominal balance uncertified February 1, 1899	\$110,116 00
Expenditures, 1899	24,681 30
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Nominal balance	\$85,434 70
Against which are contracts amounting to	\$81,000 00
And claims amounting to	8,085 61
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	89,085 61
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Indicating a deficit of	\$3,650 91

to be met by application of the balance of the Furnishing appropriation so far as necessary.

<i>Furnishing Appropriation.</i> — Balance, February		
1, 1899		\$13,336 21
Expenditures, 1899		8,514 40
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		\$4,821 81
<i>Broadway Extension. Improvement Appropriation.</i> — Balance, February 1, 1899		\$3,456 88
Expenditures, 1899-1900		445 96
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		\$3,010 92
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BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The opening of the library year found the extensive "improvements upon the new Library building and the fittings thereof," for which the City of Boston had provided the sum of \$100,000, well-nigh finished. Under the direction of Mr. Herbert Putnam, the Librarian, these changes had been wisely and economically carried out. They have given to the Library increased facilities for administration, enlarged accommodations for readers, and much-needed additional machinery, administrative equipment and furniture. These are described at length in the last annual report.

WORKS OF ART.

Crawford's statue of Beethoven, now the property of the Handel and Haydn Society, has been deposited in trust with the Trustees of this Library. It is placed in a niche in the entrance hall; it was formerly in the Boston Music Hall.

A bronze bust of Wendell Phillips, by Milmore, has been given to the Library by Mr. A. Shuman, through the Wendell Phillips Memorial Association.

Mr. Richard E. Brooks has been commissioned by the City of Boston to make a bronze memorial of the late Gen. Francis A. Walker. The memorial is to have a place in the Library, and is to consist of a portrait bust, with a curved bronze background, set well into the granite wall of the arcade of the interior court.

Other works of art are planned for the court-yard of the Library.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The books added to the Library during the year have been of a high grade. The representation of continental literature (especially French literature) is particularly strong.

This is owing to the rare chance offered at the Montaignon sale in May and June, 1899, to obtain the carefully selected books of a scholar, and at very reasonable rates. The collection of Americana in the Library has been notably increased through purchases at auction sales. The same may be said of the departments of fine arts, geography, political economy and sociology, as well as other departments.

The books added to the Library in 1899-1900, exclusive of transfers from one department to another, represent additions from four sources, namely: (1) Books purchased; (2) books received by exchange; (3) books received by gift; (4) volumes made up from current periodicals and other unbound material, hitherto not counted as volumes.

The additions to the Library, for the year, as distinguished from the number of books actually located and excluding mere transfers from one department to another, have been as follows:

	Central Library Volumes.	Branches, Volumes.	Total Volumes.
Added by purchase	12,257	6,420	18,677
Added by gift	7,101	373	7,474
Added by exchange for Library publications, etc.	655	—	655
Added by periodicals, bound	2,600	—	2,600
Added by other material, bound, chiefly from the Statistical Department	1,100	—	1,100
Total	23,713	6,793	*30,506

In Appendixes II.-V. the extent of the Library by years is shown, with a summary of the contents of the Library on January 31, 1900, the net increase of the several departments during the past ten years, and the classification of the books in the Central Library on January 31, 1900.

On January 31, 1899, the number of volumes in the Central Library and branches was 716,050. On January 31, 1900, as appears by the tables appended to this report, there were in all departments of the library 746,383 volumes. The increase for the year is therefore * 30,333 volumes.

Books bought for the Central Library :	Volumes.
City appropriation	8,054
Trust funds	4,203
Books added to the branches :	
City appropriation	5,141
Special appropriation	432
Fellowes Athenæum	847
Total	18,677

* The number given above, 30,506, represents volumes added to the Library; the number, 30,333, represents volumes that have been catalogued and placed on the shelves.

The expenditure for books and periodicals for the past year was \$31,078.59 as against \$34,935.10 in 1898. This does not include \$1,970.38 expended from the income of the Todd fund for current newspapers, or \$392.01 paid for books for Station P out of a special appropriation for that station, nor \$1,001.23 paid by the Fellowes Athenæum for purchases made by the Central Library for the Roxbury Branch.

The payments have been as follows:

City money expended for books:

	1898.	1899.
For Central Library (including deposit collection) . . .	\$13,175 51	\$10,401 71
For branches . . .	4,021 82	4,488 92
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Trust funds expended for books . . .	\$17,197 33 11,837 71	\$14,890 63 10,367 39
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	\$29,035 04	\$25,258 02
City money expended for periodicals:		
For Central Library . . .	\$4,276 66	\$4,365 30
For branches . . .	1,623 40	1,455 27
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	5,900 06	5,820 57
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Total	\$34,935 10	\$31,078 59

The heaviest expenditure for any one class of books has been for English prose fiction. This has cost \$4,181.68, as against \$4,992 in 1898, or nearly thirty per cent. of the total appropriation by the city for books.

The sum of two hundred dollars was authorized to be expended for Italian fiction, with a view of making as complete as possible the list on this subject shortly to be published.

The largest collection of books purchased from the trust funds consisted of 1,290 volumes, obtained at the sale of the library of the late Anatole de Montaignon, and represents an expenditure of \$500. The books bought included archæology, history and general literature, especially relating to the literature of France and Italy in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, including many metrical romances. Many of the volumes are autograph copies, and bear the annotations of M. de Montaignon, a man of letters, well known as a professor in the École des Chartes. This purchase, together with the gift (see Gifts) of Mr. Godfrey Michael Hyams, of one thousand dollars' worth of books from the same sale (the selection and purchase made by the Library) was a notable addition to the scholarly resources of the Library.

The sum of \$216.85 was expended at the sale of the Manson Historical Library, chiefly on local history and some first editions of American poetry for the Artz collection. In this sale was secured N. H. Brackenridge's *Battle of Bunker's Hill*, a dramatic piece of five acts in heroic measure. By a Gentleman of Maryland: Philadelphia, 1776.

Other purchases of special importance made from trust funds are as follows:

For the Fine Arts Collection. — La Collection Dutuit. Livres et manuscrits. Paris, 1899. Catalogue of the Collection of M. Auguste Dutuit, on large paper, with reproductions in colors of rare bindings.

Halsey's Pictures of early New York on dark blue Staffordshire pottery, with pictures of Boston, New England, Philadelphia and the West. New York, 1899. Contains many colored plates.

Die Marcus-Säule auf Piazza Colonna. München, 1896, containing 128 plates.

Museo Etrusco al Vaticano. Rome, 1842. 2 v. Large folio.

Japan described and illustrated by the Japanese. Written by eminent Japanese authorities and scholars. In 10 folio volumes. Boston, J. B. Millet Co., 1897.

Volumes I. and II. of Poynter's National Gallery. (All published so far.)

Photographs. — A collection of platinum prints: 86 portraits of American Indians, by F. A. Rinehart.

Seventy-two photographs of the antiquities and ethnography of America.

Forty-eight views of Boston before the fire of 1872.

For the Music Collection. — The rare full score of Meyerbeer's *L'Africaine*.

Publikationen aelterer praktischen und theoretischen Musikwerke, vorzugsweise der XV. und XVI. Jahrhundert.

Kelmscott Press. — Four issues of the Kelmscott Press were added, viz.:

Shelley: Poetical works. 3 volumes.

Morris: The wood beyond the world. 1894.

Morris: The well at the world's end. 1896.

Coleridge: Poems chosen out of his works. 1896.

The Library has now 23 issues of this press.

For the Bates Hall Reference Collection. — Rietstap's *Wapenboek van den nederlandschen adel*. Groningen. Large folio.

Flathe's *Allgemeine Weltgeschichte*, in 12 volumes.

Dechambre: *Dictionnaire encyclopédique des sciences médicales*. Paris, 1864–1888. In 100 volumes.

For the Ticknor Collection. — Don Quixote, edited by James Fitzmaurice Kelly. 2 volumes. London, 1898-99.

Boston Imprints. — The Boston Primer. Boston, Manning and Loring, 1808.

Benjamin Franklin's Advice to a young tradesman, printed at the New Printing Office of Benjamin Mecom, Boston. This pamphlet of four pages without date, conjectured to be one of the earliest impressions, was probably printed between 1762 and 1764. A London bookseller found this copy bound up with a contemporary pamphlet entitled Debtor and Creditor (also bought for the Library), and other miscellaneous material.

The rare first edition of Dr. Zabdiel Boylston's Historical account of the small-pox inoculated in New England, published in London in 1726.

The Acts and Laws of Massachusetts. Boston, Benjamin Harris. 1692.

For the Military Library. — A copy of Theodore Reichardt's Diary of Battery A, 1st regiment, Rhode Island Light Artillery. Published in Providence in 1865. A record which the Library had been seeking for some time.

From the John Boyle O'Reilly Fund. — A copy of O'Flaherty's Ogygia, or A chronological account of Irish public events. Dublin, 1793.

Other Purchases. — Les triūphes de frāce trāslatez de latin en frācois par maistre Jehā diury bachelier in medecine selō le texte de charles curre mamertin . . .

Gothic letter, printed by Guillaume Eustache, on vellum, with woodcuts. Paris, 1508. A large clean copy from the Earl of Jersey's collection.

Erénchun's Anales de la Isla de Cuba. Diccionario administrativo, económico, estadístico y legislativo. Habana, 1856-59. 3 volumes.

The Stratford edition of the Bryant Shakespeare, published by Lippincott in 6 volumes.

Manuscripts. — A copy of "America" in autograph by S. F. Smith.

One hundred manuscript letters relating to the Know-nothing party movement, including the charter of the chapter, pass words, etc., also a printed copy of the constitution.

Other manuscripts are mentioned under "Manuscripts" later in the report.

Serials. — Complete sets. Annales du commerce extérieur, published by the French government. 1843-1898.

Archiv für Eisenbahnwesen. 1878-1898.

L'Économiste français. 1873-1898.

Finanz-Archiv. 1883-98.

Zeitschrift für Schulgesundheitspflege. Jahrgang, 1-12.

Some of the gifts of special importance are mentioned in an Appendix to this report, where may also be found a list of persons who have made gifts to the Library, with the number of volumes received.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The Chief of the Catalogue Department having been appointed Acting Librarian, the department has been under Mr. Edward B. Hunt, Acting Chief Cataloguer, since March. From his report I select the following information.

WORK DONE.

The actual work of the department for the year is as follows:

	1899-1900.	1898-1899.
Number of volumes and parts catalogued,	47,782	47,615
Number of titles for the same	26,137	32,609
Number of new volumes and parts, Central Library	22,878	29,271
Number of titles for the same	15,188	23,269
Number of volumes and parts re-catalogued, Central Library	13,382	9,070
Number of titles for the same	4,225	3,803

The other 11,500 volumes of the 47,782 represent the serials added to the Central Library, and books for the branches.

From these figures it appears that the number of volumes catalogued is slightly in advance of last year. The fall in the number of titles is due largely to the fact that many books, not fiction, transferred from the Fiction Stack to the other stacks (a change which is in steady progress) were duplicates, and did not therefore count as titles, although the labor of cataloguing them was greater than is required for new titles.

The number of serials added during the year was 4,572 an increase of 1,214 over the number in 1898-1899.

For the branches there were:

	1899-1900. Vols.	1898-1899. Vols.
Catalogued	7,100	5,916
Titles of same	6,724	5,537

CO-OPERATIVE INDEX.

For the Co-operative index of scientific periodicals there have been catalogued 506 titles. There have been received, headings written therefor and filed, 2,672 titles.

CARDS IN THE VARIOUS CATALOGUES.

There have been printed, finished and filed in the various catalogues of the Library this year 153,500 cards, a gain over the highest number in any preceding year of over 32,000.

Since 1895, when the new building was opened, the number of cards placed in the different catalogues has been :

1895	.	.	.	82,993	} including the branch libraries.
1896	.	.	.	74,979	
1897	.	.	.	93,783	
1898	.	.	.	120,903	} excluding the branch libraries.
1899	.	.	.	153,500	

That is, the number is more than twice as large as in the old Library. This is due mainly to the establishment of special libraries, on the upper floor, each of which has an author and subject catalogue, in duplicate of the two general card catalogues. In these special catalogues were placed last year 45,320 cards, nearly thrice the usual number. This is due to the increase of titles for the Statistical Department, and the printing of cards in the letters A and B of the Allen A. Brown Library of Music.

FICTION CATALOGUE.

More vigorous and continued work than heretofore is in progress on the Card Catalogue of fiction and books for the young in Stack Four. Each title is compared with the book on the shelf and with the shelf list, and is then re-catalogued and printed. All books in this stack (which answers to the Lower Hall in the old Library building), which are not fiction are being transferred to the collection of similar books in the other stacks. During the month of January, 1900, nearly 500 titles were put in order.

PUBLICATIONS.

The catalogues and other publications printed by the Library during the year are mentioned in the report of Mr. Swift, the Editor of the Library publications.

A list of Italian fiction, and a supplementary one of German fiction, both prepared by Miss Mary H. Rollins, will be ready for the printer shortly. A new English fiction list, brought down to date, will probably be begun in the summer.

The List of maps and views of Boston and Boston harbor, published in October, was begun by the late Mr. J. F. Carret, and after his death, continued by Mr. John Murdoch.

A supplementary list will be published for which considerable material has been collected.

The Index to the pictures and plans of library buildings to be found in the Boston Public Library, compiled by Mr. Whitney, as a second and enlarged edition, was printed in the Monthly Bulletin for August, 1899, and afterwards reprinted as a separate work. It has been found helpful to many persons who are planning library buildings. In connection with its preparation circulars were sent to libraries in this country and Europe, and a large collection of photographs of library buildings has been secured.

MUNICIPAL LECTURES.

In connection with a course of municipal lectures, undertaken in the spring, the following lists were prepared by members of the Catalogue Department: (1) The Water supply of Boston (by Mr. Whitney); (2) Civic architecture, Baths and Gymnasias (by Miss Rollins); (3) Passenger transportation in Boston (by Mr. Chevalier).

THE BATES HALL CARD CATALOGUE.

The Examining Committee of the Library has made a recommendation in its report that the cards in the Public Catalogue in Bates Hall be trimmed to what is known as the present standard size, and that a single rod be substituted for the wasteful and unwieldy double rod now in use.

This change could be effected at an expense of perhaps \$2,000 and the advantages would be many and great. This Library can never arrange an interchange of cards with other libraries, which might easily be desirable and economical, so long as it clings to the double rod. The trimming of the cards incidental to the adoption of the single rod, would be a great gain to the catalogue both in appearance and ease of use. The initial expense is indeed considerable, but the saving by the proposed plan in the time taken in putting away the cards and the saving in repairs will in a short time more than equal this sum.

THE RECOMMENDATION OF BOOKS FOR PURCHASE.

The research involved in the adequate looking up the titles of books to be recommended for purchase is so great that this work needs to be transferred from the Catalogue Department to a separate department. During the year, 9,435 titles have been searched for in the catalogues. The preliminary work of reading the book notices of periodicals,

and of the search through sale catalogues and other lists is considerable. I wish to express my thanks to those who have been earnest in my support in this matter.

EXPENSE.

The salary account of the Catalogue Department has been \$1,245.66 less than in the preceding year.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS.

I submit a summary of a report from Mr. Swift, Editor of Library Publications.

The following table gives a record of the publications of the year :

	Date of Publication.	Pages.	Edition.	Price.
Annual list.....	Jan. 1, 1900,	138	3,984	\$0.05
Bibliography of anthropology and ethnology.....	June, 1899,	150	3,271	.50
Branch finding list No. 2.....	May, 1899,	16	5,023	Free.
By-laws, and House rules.....	Jan. 1900,	13	500	For the service.
Constitutional conventions.....	Aug. 1899,	3	250	Free.
Library buildings, second edition.	Aug. 1899,	37	5,012	.10
Monastic architecture.....	Dec. 1899,	4	—	Free.
Rules and regulations.....	Jan. 1900,	16	10,000	Free.
Monthly bulletins	1st of each month,	396	—	Free.

In all, 773 pages. In addition, on January 31, 1900, over 5,000 titles were on hand ready for the printer.

The following lists appeared in the Monthly Bulletin during the past year. In March, 1899, Water supply of Boston, 2 pp.; Civic architecture, 3 pp.; Passenger transportation in Boston, 5 pp.; in April, Baths and gymnasias, 2 pp.; Labor movement in England and America, 2 pp.; in May, Mural decoration in America 1 p.; in July, Dreyfus list, 3 pp.; in August, Library buildings, 37 pp.; in October, Maps and views of Boston, 17 pp.; in November, English fiction in Bates Hall, 6 pp.; Programme of exhibitions in the Fine Arts Department, 1899-1900, 2 pp.; in December, South Africa, the Transvaal and the Boers, 8 pp.; in January, 1900, Current newspapers list, 4 pp.; Jesse Lukens's Letter, 1775, 7 pp.; in February, 1900, Trade of Massachusetts Bay, part 1, 6 pp.

LIST ON ANTHROPOLOGY.

The most significant happening was the publication of the Selected bibliography of the anthropology and ethnology of Europe, a volume of 160 pages, containing nearly two thousand titles. The material for this catalogue was gathered

by Professor William Z. Ripley, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; its editing was under the charge of Mr. Swift, who has prepared a special report on the undertaking.

The chief advantage gained by the Library, from the special lists it has published from time to time, has been from their serving as an account of stock of its own possessions, and an indication of its deficiencies. These deficiencies the Library has made a point of supplying. That the Library is so strong as it is as an all-round collection of books is due especially to the zeal for collecting attendant upon the publication of its catalogues. This is true in regard to the Anthropology list. During its progress the Library made considerable purchases in the departments of anthropology and ethnology at the suggestion of Professor Ripley, and received large additions of similar material by gift from his correspondents in Europe. In consequence, as stated in the author's Preface "A notable wealth of original material in this branch of science, concerning itself with the origins, the physical and cultural history of the white races of the earth, is here gathered for the use of American students. It is, I believe, a collection scarcely to be equalled in any single library in Europe."

There were printed 3,271 copies of the Anthropology list, all but about 500 copies of which have been disposed of by sale, gift and exchange. The Library is frequently in receipt of gifts made in return.

The reception of the Bibliography has been cordial, and from the point of view of the Library such a combination of special knowledge and technical bibliographical skill is gratifying. The Library encountered serious and unexpected obstacles in the production of this Bibliography, involving a labor and cost which, in the opinion of the Editor, were out of all proportion to the returns, and which throw grave doubts upon the wisdom of encouraging similar projects under similar conditions in the future.

CO-OPERATION.

This incident suggests the subject of co-operative work in this Library. How far has it been carried on since coming to the new Library building, and with what success?

Finished Work. — The only co-operative undertakings finished are the Periodical list and the Anthropology list.

The first, the List of periodicals currently received in the principal libraries of Boston and vicinity, was edited, printed

and paid for by this Library, the expense being about \$2,300.

This list has proved itself a valuable help not only to the local libraries, but also to distant ones, which have made it the basis of similar co-operative work. It is worth all it cost.

Unfinished Work — Scientific Books. — Considerable work has been done on a proposed catalogue of scientific books to be found in libraries near by, in comparison with our own collections. About one-fifth has been accomplished of what would be needed to make a co-operative catalogue of the scientific books in important libraries in and near Boston. An unknown additional expense will be necessary to bring the results of this comparison before the public in the form of a card catalogue, or in a printed volume, published as a whole or in sections. This catalogue will be of little use for students until completed, and that will be a long time hence, as but little progress is now being made by reason of the pressure of more important work.

Index of Architectural Plates. — This Library, with others, has undertaken to prepare an index of architectural plates. Our own part has been done partially; but little or nothing has come from the other libraries. As a co-operative enterprise it is a failure.

Co-operative Index of Scientific Periodicals. — This Library, since January, 1898, has furnished its share of titles for an index of scientific periodicals, which, as prepared by five different libraries, is under the charge of the Publishing Section of the American Library Association. This catalogue numbers about ten thousand cards, and forms a special section in Bates Hall.

Numerous co-operative schemes in catalogue work have been started by libraries and associations, but they are of but little value to this Library, for one reason because the cards used differ in size from our own, and they cannot be placed in the same drawers with them. This difficulty will be overcome, it is thought, as the result of experiments now in progress. It is a question how far a catalogue so vast as the public card catalogue here can be enlarged by the insertion of titles of articles in periodicals, without causing confusion and irritation to readers.

SHBLF DEPARTMENT.

The Shelf Department, since April 3, 1899, has been under the charge of Mr. William G. T. Roffe, as Acting Chief. His report is summarized below.

The number of new books placed on the shelves of the Central Library is as follows:

	Volumes.
General collection	13,366
Special libraries	3,457
Deposit collection	2,425
Continuations of serials	4,639
Total	<hr/> 23,887

Transfers. — During the year 1,868 volumes, not fiction, were transferred from Stack 4 to the General Collection, 671 from the General Collection to the Statistical Department, and 325 to the Newspaper Room. Many other removals have been made.

Books Missing. — From the annual examination of the shelves it appears that the books missing from the stacks are fewer than in 1898 and much less than in 1895, the first year of the occupancy of the new building.

Missing from the Central Library, including deposit collection:

	1899.	1898.
Stacks 1-3, 5, 6, and Special Libraries	222	205
Stack 4 (Fiction)	168	353
Children's Room	321	235
Books on deposit from the Branch Division	99	31
Total	<hr/> 810	<hr/> 824

As compared with previous years the record stands:
Missing for

1895	2,446
1896	1,440
1897	837
1898	824
1899	810

Large numbers of books recorded in the Annual Reports as missing, appear on the shelves from time to time; thus in 1899, 372 were found; in 1898, 333. For years, stragglers find their way back, as, for example, a copy of the "Memoirs of a Physician," by Dumas, lost more than twenty years ago and found in a garret, was returned last summer.

The percentage of missing books from the whole collection is $\frac{147}{100}$ of one per cent. The loss from the stacks and closed shelves is slight, less than might reasonably be expected. The increase in the number of books missing from

those on deposit at the stations is owing to an unusual loss at one station which has now been checked. Thirty-seven of the total number of volumes missing at the deposit stations have been paid for. The loss from the Children's Room is excessive. More than half of the missing books, however, will doubtless be returned; their money value is slight. Eighty volumes were taken from the Bates Hall Reference collection, — mostly handbooks and other books of small cost. From the open shelves of the Special Libraries but few books were taken without permission. The losses are not so serious as to make it worth while to abandon open shelves, or incur a heavy expense for stricter protection against depredations. At the branch libraries the books missing from closed shelves number 49 volumes as against 38 last year; from open shelves 357 volumes as against 488 last year. This seems satisfactory when it is considered that the open shelf system has been greatly extended the past year.

Duplicates. — To this department is also assigned the care of the collection of books in the duplicate rooms. These number 22,029 bound volumes and about 32,745 unbound pamphlets. Work is in progress on these duplicates, with a view to their classification, with lists.

The Shelf Department is burdened with more vexatious problems perhaps than any other branch of the Library service. With the additions of each year its task becomes more difficult. The examination of the shelves, which was once done in a month's time (the Library being closed for that purpose), has increased until it takes the time of three persons nearly the entire year.

Lack of Shelf Space for Books. — The most laborious work of the Shelf Department results from the constant shifting of books, in order to make room for new books or new departments. This shifting and compression is reaching its limit, and radical measures will need to be taken soon to provide more shelf space.

After careful measurements and calculations, some 300,000 volumes have been moved during the year. Hardly one of these volumes occupies the same place on the shelves which it did a year ago, and this has caused inconvenience in the delivery of books. There is some book space unoccupied on the Boylston street side of the Library, and more could be secured by putting a gallery on two sides of the lecture-room, with locked glazed cases on the walls of the first floor.

Attention is called to the tables of statistics as found in Appendixes II.—IV.

THE BINDING OF BOOKS.

A considerable expenditure of money is needed for the rebinding of books. This need is not a newly discovered one. As far back as 1878 the Trustees, alarmed at the rapid decay of bindings, employed Prof. Wolcott Gibbs of Harvard College to make an examination. He reported that the state of the bindings was due to atmospheric conditions inseparable from insufficient ventilation. The Library was then in the Boylston-street building, where, owing to architectural limitations, a remedy could not be found.

The evil continued in an increasing ratio until, in 1891, the city government was asked for an extra appropriation of \$6,000, but this sum was not given, and no sufficient relief came at that time or has come since.

The same state of things confronts the Library to-day. On the shelves, in ever lengthening rows, may still be seen thousands of volumes with loosened leaves, broken backs, and cracked covers.

Since the occupation of the new building the disintegration of bindings from heat, dryness, or insufficient ventilation, has been lessened, but increased age and increased use seem to be equally fatal.

In the estimates of the appropriation needed for the maintenance of the Library for the year 1899, handed by the Trustees to the Mayor on December 17, 1898, the statement was made that "the binding of books is so greatly in arrears that in addition to the current work a special expenditure of at least \$30,000 ought properly to be made." The regular estimates themselves assumed that of this amount at least \$10,000 should be applied in 1899.

The appropriation granted to the Library for that year was much less than the amount called for by the estimates, and among other reductions, one of \$10,692.26 was therefore made in the amount to be spent for binding, as has already been stated.

Impressed with the need of some action, the Trustees last October requested the Acting Librarian to make a special report on the needs of the Library in respect to binding, and have again called the attention of the city government to the subject.

The sum remaining at the disposal of the Library has been used during the past year, as heretofore, mainly for the binding of books and periodicals currently received, for the rebinding of popular books worn out in the current use of the year, and for other miscellaneous work.

The work of the Library bindery may be tabulated as follows :

	Vols.
Books bound	*10,173
Pamphlets bound	2,884
Newspapers bound	148
Books repaired, etc.	5,543
Total	<u>18,748</u>
Library publications, etc., folded, stitched, trimmed, etc.,	78,518
Maps mounted on cloth	1,109
Photographs and engravings mounted	3,359
Miscellaneous work (temporary covers, cards mounted, portfolios, boxes, blocks, etc.)	2,202
Time on other miscellaneous work (cutting and bundling cards, slips, etc.)	76 days

The number of persons employed in the bindery has not been increased during the year.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The catalogue work of the Printing Department has been already mentioned.

The miscellaneous work is as follows :

Stationery, in blank forms, etc., currently consumed	
stocks of all kinds (pieces)	744,671
Call slips (pieces)	2,492,578
Signs	1,278
Blank books	13

The mechanical equipment of the department has been improved by the conversion of the two linotypes to "two-letter" machines, thus ensuring more varied and expeditious composition. The price of paper has advanced during the year. The Library was fortunate in having on hand a considerable supply, bought just before the advance.

On consultation with the Catalogue Department, a desirable change has been made in the form of the catalogue card. The card remains of the same size as heretofore, and will work smoothly with the old cards; but the length of the lines of print is less, and the card may therefore be cut down when desirable to the size used in other libraries. The area

* Exclusive of the rebinding of popular books which is more conveniently done outside the Library. The expense for this work for 1899-1900 was \$2,583.38. The ordinary repairs are attended to largely by the assistants in the stacks and at the branches and stations.

of print is so arranged as to permit the punching of a central hole for the customary single retaining rod without mutilation. The new type chosen gives the emphasis of a blacker face and a more readable form to the catch-word and the shelf-number, and allows more matter than formerly to be put on each card. When the very desirable change to the single rod system of securing the cards in the cabinets shall have been brought about the extra space on the cards available will allow an increase of 48 per cent. of matter on the card. An improvement has been effected in substituting print for manuscript in many of the headings of the cards.

The output of the department does not vary in general character from that of former years. Of printing requisitions there were :

	1899-1900.	1898-1899.
On hand February 1 . . .	6	23
Received during the year .	357	301
	<hr/> 363	<hr/> 324
On hand January 31 . . .	10	6
Filled during the year .	353	318

For the card catalogue there have been printed 20,454 titles, or 153,500 cards, together with extra cards and Bulletin copy cards, which cannot readily be counted. This is an increase of 22,597 over last year, and of 60,500 over two years ago.

DISPOSITION OF PUBLICATIONS.

By the report of the Custodian of Stock it appears that the number of Library publications distributed by the department during the year was 78,291. Of the blank forms in use in the Library, including the charging slips, 2,079,432 pieces were called for.

REGISTRATION.

In Appendix VI. are found the usual statistics prepared by the Chief of the Department of Registration, with a classification of users of the Library by sex, occupation and location ; also with an estimate of the percentage of card-holders in each ward of the city of the total population of such ward. Since these statistics are based on the population as shown by the census of 1895, they are only approximately correct.

These percentages do not vary much from last year, except in the district where a new delivery station, W, has been established.

Every second year a new registration or a new numerical series is begun. The present registration began February 1, 1899, and consequently, the number of card-holders appears smaller than on January 31, 1899, the end of the preceding two-year period.

The tables giving the number of teachers and pupils in the public schools in comparison with the number of cards held by them, show that only one-third of the teachers and about two-fifths of the pupils entitled to cards have applied for them.

The bonds of indemnity against loss or damage to books lent to non-resident students have been received from three additional schools and colleges. The non-resident pupils of forty-six such institutions are now allowed to take books from the Library.

USE OF BOOKS.

In Appendix VII. is found a table giving the number of volumes taken for home use during the past year from each department of the Library, in comparison with the preceding year. A summary is as follows :

Home Use.	1899-1900.	1898-1899.
Central Library (including Central Library books issued through branches and stations) . . .	430,987	422,849
Branches and stations . . .	820,554	822,993
	<hr/> 1,251,541	<hr/> 1,245,842

In the Boylston-street building both the books used at home and in the Library building were counted. Since the shelves have been thrown open to readers to so great an extent in the Bates Hall, the Special Libraries, and the branches, the count of books used in the Library is only a partial one. The recorded hall use in the Central Library for the past year was 355,017 volumes, as against 340,596 volumes in 1898. No account is kept of the use of magazines and newspapers.

Inter-Library Loans. — By the system of inter-library loans, 309 volumes have been lent to other libraries this year, as against 224 volumes in 1898-99 and 135 in 1897-98.

THE ISSUE DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL LIBRARY.

An important gain to the Library from the recent alterations in the building is in the increased space and facility provided for the issue of books. To the Issue Room the

Registration desk has been moved from a distant part of the building, and the system of pneumatic tubes has been improved and supplemented by an auxiliary system of tubes, operating by suction, instead of by pressure. The operation of these two systems has not been entirely satisfactory; they often cause delays in the delivery of the slips, and need frequent repairs. The "pick-up carrier," which transports the slips between different points in the Delivery Room, has proved serviceable, as well as an object of interest to all students of Library appliances. The electric book-lift and the new service elevator have been of great value.

The use of the Central Library has been:

	1899-1900.	1898-1899.
Home use	430,987	422,849
Recorded hall use	355,017	340,596
	<hr/> 786,004	<hr/> 763,445

Daily average circulation of the Central Library, including the Branch Division issue at the Central Library:

1899-1900	2,163 volumes.
1898-1899	2,115 "

Average Sunday circulation:

1899-1900	1,424 volumes.
1898-1899	1,337 "

A method has been devised for estimating the percentage of fiction issued at the Library. This is done by means of cards of different colors. By this arrangement it is possible to classify to a certain extent the daily issue at the Central Library.

BATES HALL.

On the first day of the Library year Mr. Oscar A. Bierstadt assumed the office of Custodian of Bates Hall, a position left vacant by the death of Mr. Arthur M. Knapp. For the service here Mr. Bierstadt brought qualifications gained from twenty-five years' experience at the Astor Library.

The removal of the works on the Fine Arts from the Reference shelves to their proper place in the Art Department has made space for an enlargement of the Reference collection in other much-needed directions. The books are being subjected to a careful revision to the end that the latest and best authorities may be presented. The new shelf numbers for these books, transferred from the general collection, have been placed on the catalogue cards.

Collections of books on special or current topics have been placed on the shelves of the screens in Bates Hall, open to readers without formality. Among the subjects thus presented have been Literature, Travels, Biography, History (the works in these four divisions being occasionally changed), Out-of-door books, Washington, Lincoln, the Boston Massacre, Concord and Lexington, the Battle of Bunker Hill, Christmas, the War with Spain, Dreyfus, Ruskin, the Transvaal, and also books on subjects discussed in the course of Municipal Lectures given last year.

This is an application of the system of free access to the shelves so far as it is at present practicable in this Library. The Custodian states that these exhibitions have met with the growing approval of readers. At one time during the exhibition of books on the Transvaal no less than fifty volumes were taken for home reading.

If space could be provided to enlarge these collections it would without doubt tend to raise the standard of taste in reading.

The seats at the tables in Bates Hall have been numbered, thus securing to the reader who has placed the number of his seat on his call slip a more sure, speedy, and quiet delivery of books than had been possible hitherto.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.

From the appended report of the Custodian of the Special Libraries it will be seen that the use and influence of the collections forming this department of the Library are increasing from year to year.

A notable event is the removal of the restrictions upon the Bowditch collection of mathematical and astronomical books, so that they can be used under certain conditions outside of the building. This result, welcome to many students, has been effected on consent obtained by the Trustees from the adult representatives of the givers of the collection and of the Bowditch fund, as well as from the President and Fellows of Harvard College.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCUMENTS AND STATISTICS.

Attention is called to the report of the Chief of the Department of Documents and Statistics, which is appended to this report. The statement of last year was a preliminary one, based on the experience of a few months. The test of the past year has shown the wisdom of the establishment of this department, and the certainty of its wide usefulness.

Especial attention is called to the arrangements made for procuring the more important state papers of Great Britain, France and Germany, as they are issued.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The main features of the work in the Children's Department remain the same as for two years past. There has been a slight increase in the home use of books, while the reference work with both teachers and children has materially increased.

Children's Reference Room.—One new feature of the work calls for special attention. This is the addition of a second room, called the Children's Reference Room, which provides space for the teachers and children to do their school work at the Library. The provision for this room has been liberal,—reference books, maps and pictures, with furniture of the size most comfortable to children.

It has been interesting to notice the gradual growth of the use of this room. The public were slow to understand its purpose, and seemed at first to think that it must be for some special purpose, which did not include them. To introduce the room widely to the schools, and to assure the children that the space was set apart expressly for them, printed circulars were sent out in June, inviting both teachers and scholars to visit the room and see an exhibit of books, maps and pictures relating to the battle of Bunker Hill.

With the opening of the school year in the autumn the real work of the room began, and the results have been gratifying. Children come to take notes both for their daily lessons and for their compositions, and, having found their way, come repeatedly.

The efforts of Mr. James Mahoney to have sets of books reserved for his pupils in the English High School and to have them do their work here, are to be commended.

The experience of the past few months shows plainly the usefulness of such a reference room, and the need of making available for busy teachers the most serviceable aids in the different branches which they teach. Liberal as is the provision it has made evident how much more is desirable.

Exhibits of Pictures.—There have been numerous exhibits of pictures illustrating the studies of the children, especially the study of geography, to make real the characteristics, both natural and artificial, of the countries about which they study. The collection of illustrations which accompany Chapman's "Manual of Bird Life for Teachers" was exhibited in July and August.

The home use of the collection for the year was 66,268 volumes, as against 64,665 for the year previous.

Vacation Playgrounds. — Last summer, for the first time, books were sent from the Children's Department to the Vacation Playgrounds. Many of the books sent proving too advanced for the children, a special purchase was made of books for backward children.

This brief statement, covering a part of the report of Mrs. Sheffield, the officer in charge, shows that the work going on in the Children's Department promises good results.

PATENTS.

By the new allotment, the Patent Department was moved at the beginning of the Library year to the larger and more convenient rooms prepared for it in the western end of the building. There were 3,330 visitors as against 3,296 in 1898. The number of volumes consulted was 47,460 as against 33,954 in 1898. This is thought to be the largest use which the Patent Collection ever had. It is hoped that arrangements may be made which will increase its use still further.

The Library has received about 30,000 of the specifications and drawings of American patents, to fill the gap between 1790 and 1869, for which it has had only the claims and small drawings. The later volumes of the specifications and drawings of American patents are much delayed in reaching the Library. It may be necessary for the Library to incur the heavy expense of subscribing for the separate patents and have them come unbound, as fast as they are issued.

The German numerical catalogue is in progress, and is helpful in looking up German patents.

The following letter has been received, signed by twelve manufacturing companies of this city :

BOSTON, Sept. 21, 1899.

HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY :

GENTLEMEN, — The undersigned parties are engaged in occupations occasioning frequent searches of the patents granted by the United States.

In the rapid and efficient prosecution of such work the patents should be arranged according to their subject-matter; the preferred way is that of the Patent Office at Washington. . . .

The patents now in the Library are arranged chronologically, and hence the time required to look up any particular class of invention is so great that it is not attempted here, but such labor

is performed at Washington at great expense and only in urgent cases.

The industries dependent on this information are of the greatest commercial importance, and everything tending to render such information easy of access will further the development of the same.

In view of the above showing of facts, we petition your Honorable Board to set apart a suitable place, and there arrange copies of all the patents of the United States for public inspection, in the same manner as may be in vogue in the Patent Office at Washington.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. E. AND WM. MAYNADIER, WALWORTH MANUFACTURING CO., SMITH & ANTHONY CO., BOSTON BELTING CO., MERRIMAC CHEMICAL CO., CHAUNCEY THOMAS & Co. (Inc.), BOSTON RUBBER SHOE CO., FISH, RICHARDSON & STORROW, STONE & WEBSTER, CROSBY STEAM GAUGE & VALVE CO., THE REECE BUTTON HOLE MACHINE CO., ROBERT H. STEVENSON.

In reply it may be said that an attempt has been made to carry out the suggestions of the above petitioners. The Commissioner of Patents and different Congressmen, who have interested themselves in the matter, have stated that it would probably be impossible to obtain the drawings and specifications asked for without paying for them, as an exception could not be made in favor of this Library.

The cost would be not less than five thousand dollars. The Library is ready to carry out this most desirable scheme as soon as the necessary funds are provided. This would have to be done through the generosity of friends of the Library.

PERIODICALS.

At the beginning of the year the periodicals were moved from the room now assigned to the Newspaper Department. They occupy the two adjacent rooms, which have less seating capacity. As a consequence, the use of unbound periodicals is less than in 1898-99. The Newspaper Room being more accessible than the old room attracts many readers who formerly came to the Periodical Room.

The use of bound volumes of periodicals has increased. Lists of magazine articles on current events are prepared, and these are much used, especially by those who are to participate in debates.

NEWSPAPERS.

The new Reading Room for newspapers was opened February 1, 1899, the first day of the Library year. Being on

the first floor, near the entrance of the building, it is much more convenient to readers than the old room, and its use is perhaps one-half greater. Large as is the space it commands it is insufficient for the accommodations required at the present time. At certain times, especially on Sunday, the room is much crowded. There is a card catalogue of the newspapers currently received, arranged alphabetically and by countries, and an index to the Boston "Transcript" for 1900 is in progress. During any important event, such as the Spanish-American war, the South African war, and the Dreyfus trial, prominent newspapers are saved and bound in addition to those ordinarily preserved.

The number of newspapers, including duplicates, in the Newspaper Room is 355. A list was printed in the Monthly Bulletin for January, 1900.

They are classified as follows :

American	181
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Papers published in this country in a foreign language :

French	2
German	9
Greek	1
Italian	3
Spanish	1
Swedish	5
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Foreign :

English	40
French	14
German	10
Spanish	6
Italian	4
Greek	3
Danish	3
Russian	3
Swedish	3
Hebrew	2
Norwegian	2
Portuguese	2
Polish	2
Armenian	1
Bohemian	1
Dutch	1
Finnish	1
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Papers published in foreign countries in English .	12
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MANUSCRIPTS.

A Department of Manuscripts has been established and placed under the charge of the Chief of the Department of Documents and Statistics.

In the Mather, Cotton and Hinckley papers of the Prince collection this Library has a foundation for a creditable department of manuscripts. To these treasures have been added from time to time, by gift or purchase, many interesting documents. Especially has this been the case during the past year. The family of William Lloyd Garrison has added to its already large gift, and has been active in obtaining from outside sources material which relatés to the anti-slavery agitation in the United States. The Library now holds not only the entire correspondence of William Lloyd Garrison — a very large collection in itself — but also has received similar collections from Miss Helen Weston, who gives the papers of her aunt, Maria W. Chapman; from Mr. Edward A. Phelps, who contributes his father's papers; and from Miss Estlin, who sends many letters written by and to her father, John Bishop Estlin. The Phelps manuscripts have been listed on cards, and will soon be available for public use; and the Garrison collection is undergoing arrangement and listing to the same end. Many single manuscripts have been purchased during the year.

Attention may here be called to the publication in the Monthly Bulletin of the more important inedited manuscripts owned by the Library. The Chief of the Manuscript Department, in connection with the Editor of the Bulletin, recommends for publication such matter as is to be so used, and this feature has already attracted attention and given to the Bulletin an additional element of permanent value. The policy will be continued so long as interest is shown, for there can never be a want of good material. A great advantage is derived from the printing of manuscripts, because it saves the handling of a manuscript itself, and thus ensures its preservation from loss, injury or destruction. The knowledge also that the Library possesses and makes public such treasures will attract further gifts.

MAPS.

Under the charge of Mr. John Murdoch more progress than heretofore has been made in arranging and cataloguing the maps.

The bulk of the collection of maps is kept in large cabinets, with open, sliding shelves, the loose maps being enclosed

in large portfolios. The cabinets and shelves are numbered, and, as each individual map is catalogued, it is fairly easy to consult any particular map. Small folded maps in covers, atlases, etc., under folio size, are kept upon ordinary shelves, like books.

For reference use in the Bates Hall reading-room a selection of large atlases is kept in two special cases with horizontal shelves and reading desk tops. For the exhibition of large sheet maps there are two Jenkins revolving map racks, which have been found to be satisfactory.

Wall maps are not to be kept rolled, but are to be cut up or folded to fit the portfolios.

FICTION COMMITTEE.

In this third year of its service the Fiction Committee has rendered valuable aid to the Library. The books read by the Committee number 467. From those receiving their approval there were bought and placed in the Central Library and branches 2,169 copies, as against 1,683 in 1898-99 and 2,529 in 1897-98. The total expenditure for current fiction for the Central Library, branches and deposit stations has been \$1,861.68 as against \$1,492.98 in 1898-99, and \$2,235.73 in 1897-98.

The Chairman of the committee, Miss Mary Morison, being in Europe, Mrs. William L. Parker was appointed acting chairman.

The functions of this committee are stated in the annual report for 1898-99. In a word, it does not select books, but gives such information in regard to them as will help the Library authorities to make a wise selection.

For the Trustees to seek outside help in the choice of books is no new thing. The custom has existed in an inorganized way, almost from the foundation of the Library. Cards with blank forms have been furnished to readers, asking them to recommend books for purchase and to give minute descriptions of such as are wanted. Many volumes have been added to the Library on such recommendations, and perhaps never so many as at the present time.

While the Library gains much from the labors of the volunteer committee of readers of fiction, it is understood that their opinion receives revision at the hands of those who are in charge of the Library, and who are in close touch with readers here and acquainted with existing conditions.

THE BRANCHES AND STATIONS.

The work of the Branch Department covers a wide field. It is outlined in a special report, found as an Appendix to this report. Few realize the number and importance of these sub-libraries, and that of books taken from the Library for home use the Central Library furnishes only one-third, while nearly two-thirds come from these many outlying agencies.

A revised map, showing the distribution of the branches and stations, is prefixed to this report.

LECTURE HALL.

On May 17, 1899, the Lecture Hall of the Library was opened. Advantage was taken of the gift to the Library, from the Westminster Committee on the Scott memorial, of a marble copy of the bust of Sir Walter Scott, by Chantrey, a first copy of which was placed by the committee in Westminster Abbey; and a formal unveiling preceded the addresses on the opening of the hall.

Mr. Solomon Lincoln, President of the Board of Trustees, presided. During the preliminary address, by Dr. James DeNormandie, the bust was unveiled by Mr. Fiske Warren, who with Mr. James Murray Kay, took charge of the American subscriptions to the Westminster Memorial.

An address on Scott was delivered by President Eliot of Harvard College. Other addresses on the influence of Scott, as well as on the opening of the Lecture Hall, and its significance as a supplement to the work of the Library were made by Mayor Quincy, Mr. A. Lawrence Lowell, Mr. Edward Robinson, and Hon. Charles Francis Adams.

The hall has been used for sessions of the Massachusetts Library Club, and for numerous lectures. A course of lectures under the auspices of the Library is planned to begin in March, 1900.

The strain upon the Library following the resignation of the Librarian and the death of the Librarian's Secretary was very severe. I wish to thank the Board of Trustees for their kind consideration, and my associates for their hearty and generous co-operation.

JAMES L. WHITNEY,
Librarian.

SUPPLEMENTS TO THE REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

(A.)

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT.

To the Librarian :

The average circulation of books for home use has increased this year $14\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

The photograph collection consists of the following :

Painting	5,381	
Architecture	4,044	
Sculpture	2,112	
Unclassified	275	
	11,812	

Process pictures :

Painting	2,289	
Architecture	1,699	
Sculpture	618	
Unclassified	255	
	4,861	

To this must be added a collection of large plates of architectural subjects, mostly half-tones, published in book form, which are not bound, but are mounted in the same manner as photographs, and used in place of photographs . . . 1,904

Four hundred seventy-four photographs were purchased at an expenditure of \$354.12. One thousand four hundred and seventeen photographs were received by gift ; among these may be mentioned : Six hundred and fifty-seven photographs of pictures in the National Portrait Gallery, costing \$124.55, contributed by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and Little, Brown & Co. ; 600 photographs of French architecture included in the purchase of books and photographs from the Montaignon sale, for which \$1,000 was

given by Mr. Godfrey M. Hyams; 46 carbon photographs of Greek and Roman sculpture and architecture, purchased at a cost of \$200, contributed by Mr. Augustus Hemenway.

EXHIBITIONS.

The regular exhibitions of photographs and other plates have been continued; besides the exhibitions in the Central Library all the branches and seven stations are now supplied with pictures.

The facilities for the display of pictures have been enlarged, and other improvements were made in several of the branches and stations. A programme of the exhibitions for the season was printed in the Monthly Bulletin; a separate reprint of the programme was also sent to every teacher in the city through the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

In addition to the regular exhibitions, the following special exhibitions were held: During February and March, in connection with lectures by J. F. Hopkins to teachers in the public schools, there were exhibitions of photographs and colored plates of Egyptian sculpture and decoration, Greek sculpture, architecture, and ornament, the architecture and sculpture of ancient Rome, Byzantine and Saracenic architecture, Romanesque and Gothic architecture, Renaissance sculpture.

Other special exhibitions were: Photographs of the Acropolis at Athens, to illustrate a lecture by Prof. H. Langford Warren, under the auspices of the Unity Art Club; collection of valentines, loaned by Mr. Frank House Baer of Cleveland; collection of photographs and books on the Industrial arts of Japan, in connection with a lecture on that subject given by Prof. E. S. Morse, under the auspices of the Unity Art Club; illustrations of English cathedrals; plates, illustrating various industrial arts: wood-carving, pottery, lace, bookbinding, etc., in connection with the Arts and Crafts exhibition; photographs of the English school of painting; photographs of mural decorations in America; photographs of the work of Velasquez, on the anniversary of his birthday, June 5, 1599; photographs of the Civil war; plates of industrial arts from the Spitzer collection, purchased at the Montaiglon sale; photographs of paintings in the National Portrait Gallery; photographs of paintings by Van Dyck on the anniversary of his birthday; collection of plates and books in connection with the state exhibition of public school drawings; photographs of American Indians and views of the West; pictures, selected from various periodi-

cals of Admiral Dewey, the Battle of Manila, the homeward voyage of the "Olympia," etc.; photographs illustrating monastic architecture, in connection with the lectures by Prof. Richard A. Rice, of Williams College, in the Lowell Institute course.

CLASSES.

Classes made use of the Fine Arts Department as follows:

Schools	11 visits	182 members.
Clubs	40 "	647 "
Private classes . .	33 "	561 "

CIRCULATION OF PICTURES.

Process pictures, 200 portfolios, averaging 25 pictures in each, were circulated: to public schools, 103; private schools, 18; clubs, 40; private classes, 39.

USE OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES.

The use of these libraries, especially the Barton-Ticknor libraries and the map collection, has increased considerably.

Exhibitions of books were arranged in the show-cases of the Fine Arts Department, as follows: On March 2-15 a collection of books relating to the Boston Massacre; April 3, Shakespeare's library (a collection of books from the Barton Library, with additions from the Harvard College Library, in connection with a meeting held in the Barton room by the Cambridge Shakespeare Association and the Boston Shakespeare Club, with a lecture by W. J. Rolfe of Cambridge); April 17, broadsides and books relating to the battles of Lexington and Concord; May 13-June 20, books and portraits of Sir Walter Scott, in connection with the presentation of the Chantrey bust of Scott to the Library; Sept. 15-Oct. 23, books and tracts on the early church history of New England, in connection with the meeting of the Congregational council; Dec. 18-Jan. 29, books relating to early American history, in connection with the meeting of the American Historical Association.

ALLEN A. BROWN LIBRARY OF MUSIC.

The use of this library is steadily increasing, and it is evident that the attendance will materially increase when a complete catalogue of the collection is available. As in former years the music played at the Symphony and other concerts, with the collateral literature, is laid out each week

for free use. All the new accessions of books on music are now placed for a certain period in this library. Over 300 works were purchased for this collection by Mr. Brown ; among the more valuable and interesting are the following full scores : Carmen, by Bizet ; The Martyrs, by Donizetti ; Le Juif errant, by Halévy ; La Fée aux Roses, by Halévy ; L'Africaine, by Meyerbeer ; Le Prophète, by Meyerbeer ; Guntram, by R. Strauss ; Godolwa, by Tinel. Also a set of the sacred compositions of Lorenzo Perosi, and 40 symphonies of Haydn in manuscript (copied by Deldevez), which brings the number of Haydn symphonies in the Library up to 87.

CATALOGUES.

The cataloguing in the Fine Arts Department is confined for the present to the photographs and half-tones of paintings ; these are classified, lettered and catalogued as far as received. Renaissance sculpture is also catalogued, but sculpture in general is only classified and lettered. Architecture is classified and lettered, but the time to catalogue the plates in this section has been lacking.

Printed lists were issued as follows : Programme of exhibitions at the Central Library, branches and stations, published in the November Bulletin, and separate reprints sent to teachers ; List of mural decorations in the United States, published in the Bulletin for May ; List of books on monastic architecture, published in connection with the lectures by Professor Rice in the Lowell Institute course ; List of books on the industrial arts, printed in the syllabus of lectures to teachers by J. F. Hopkins.

In the Barton Library a subject index was made to "Shakespeariana," 10 volumes ; and an index made to 15 volumes of Shakespeare illustrations in the collection.

In the Allen A. Brown Library 9,736 printed cards were added ; 4,587 were copied and filed ; these, with 7,637 cards already filed, bring the number of cards in the catalogue of this library to 21,960. An index of subjects relating to music and musicians, contained in periodicals, has been copied from Poole's Index ; about 1,100 cards are on file. The old index to the volumes of magazine articles in the collection is kept up.

OTTO FLEISCHNER,
Custodian of Special Libraries.

(B.)

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF DOCUMENTS AND STATISTICS.

To the Librarian :

I have the honor to submit a report on the operations of the Statistical Department during the past year.

Special attention has been given to developing the principal lines of the collections of the department, as proposed in my last report. The success attained has been unequal, but on the whole very gratifying, and it may with truth be asserted that outside of libraries devoted to a special subject, few can make as strong a showing on matters of social interest and performance. The long series of government publications on statistical matters have received special attention, and the more important sets have been completed, bound and placed on the shelves. It is still possible, and desirable, to extend the number of these issues, and much remains to be done before the most important subjects treated have been covered in a satisfactory manner. The bulk of official publications is without limit; but I question whether it is not better to confine the first attempts to the securing of a good working collection of the principal and more representative series, and to leave for a future day, and as opportunity offers, the purchase of what is affected with a more local or limited value, however interesting. Any record of human activity possesses value, but the range of value is great. To serve the public to the full is the highest ambition of the department, and the method must be adapted to the means afforded, in themselves limited. I have sought to restrict the Statistical library to such studies as may be regarded typical, and therefore to be studied for the method; and to such as have been recognized as valuable in themselves, as embodying some record of experience made after the definite and acceptable rules of statistical science.

If this limitation is justifiable, it can be justified only by its results. Timeliness is an element of some weight, and naturally exerts much influence upon the current reading of the general public. The questions of to-day are before the public eye, and the mere progress of events possesses an interest apart from an explanation of the cause or a forecast of the future. It is not to be denied that most of the really good work on current problems is printed in periodicals or in the form of special monographs on a single subject. To

overlook the political and sociological journals would be to neglect the best source of general information and the most intelligent treatment of tendencies and influences. The organs of a social movement express in a better form the intentions of the leaders and the scope of the agitation than could any outside critic, whether friendly or hostile. The journals issued from a socialist, a charitable, or a trade-unionist society speak with greater certainty on the end of the organization than could any other exponent. The nearer one approaches to these social movements the better is the understanding of their extent and influence, of their strength and weakness. With this in mind I have extended the number of such organs taken in this department, and plan to extend still further the list in the coming year. In a pure democracy the beliefs and wishes of the people can never be without interest and suggestiveness.

While thus feeding the desire for information on current events and questions, for information obtained fresh from the first sources, a second element is in the long run of greater importance. Provision must be made for a full understanding of the causes of events and problems, and the material must be at hand for an explanation of the existence of a policy or accomplished fact. The sociological activity of the world is too rapid and too crowded with keen interest and fluctuating elements to endure an immediate record or crystallization in statistics or philosophical explanation. Prediction, always dangerous, is particularly so when applied to economic tendencies. The claims of those who planned the Suez Canal were looked upon as dreams at the time; yet the financial results have fully justified the claims; the current of commerce with the East has been essentially modified, and the political results have been such as to confound equally the hopes and fears of the statesmen of Europe. The returns of vessels passing through the canal each year since it was opened express only one of the influences exerted by the construction of the water-way; the tolls collected are indicative of earning capacity; but no figures can convey the multiple and immense forces brought into commerce and politics by the thread of water connecting the Mediterranean with the Indian Ocean. To measure them, geography and history must be applied, and only with the best endeavor a partial understanding must result. The student could use figures but little in seeking to describe the effect of the construction of the Suez Canal; but certain figures would be necessary, and it is such as are of importance that the Statistical Department should possess. Within limits the official returns of shipping

are valuable, and their value can be greatly enhanced by connecting them with the returns of the movement of merchandise in foreign commerce, with special reference to the use of the canal. It would almost appear as if the trade of the world must be examined before the canal can be properly measured as an economic factor.

Much has been written and published on this subject, and much of what appears in print is next to valueless. The political or interested statistician has wrought much injury by building up confident predictions on faulty premises, and using them until they become asserted facts. Time may be counted upon to test these assertions and send them into oblivion; but while they are in whole or in part accepted they should be subject to some discriminating criticism. In applying this criticism the selection of what is of permanent value becomes important, and it is such a selection that I have attempted to make in bringing together the collections under the charge of this department. In time there will be readily available the material for a history of a movement, the records of its success or failure, and the general theory which may be evolved from its conditions. Only in this way can this department become the "Sociological laboratory" intended by its foundation.

How far these ideas as to the Statistical Department have been carried into practice can be appreciated only by the student who uses its collections. Its isolated situation, and its complete separation from the general collection and from periodical literature on politics and economics, are against a complete fulfilment of its aims. Yet a list of certain accessions made in the last year will be serviceable in showing how the department is building up a collection worthy of the subject. Only examples under each class are given, and the division of class is the very general one outlined in my first report :

I. VITAL STATISTICS.

A full set of the forms and schedules used in taking the twelfth Census of the United States.

Census of Mexico, 1895, 22 parts.

Bulgaria, Mouvement de la population, 1885-96.

Switzerland, Mouvement de la population, 1885-97.

Registration and Health reports, state and municipal, American and foreign, numbering some three hundred volumes.

II. COMMERCE AND TRANSPORTATION.

Archiv für Eisenbahnwesen, 1878-1899.

Railroad reports from different States of the Union, and from France, Belgium and Canada.

Annual trade returns from Greece, Canada (1850-1898), Mexico, Argentina, China (1879-1898), British India (1887-1898), Austria-Hungary, France and Belgium.

A full set of "Annales du commerce," 1843-1899, a valuable compilation of commercial information. American, English, Austrian and Dutch Consular reports — full sets in each instance.

Reports of Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, American and foreign.

III. LABOR AND PRODUCTION.

Reports of the State Bureaus.

Annual issues by the governments of the United States, France, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Belgium and the United Kingdom.

Agricultural returns of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Australia and Argentina.

Mineral production of Germany, France and Belgium.

In this connection I would mention the gift by Madame Godin of a full set of the writings of her husband, J. B. André Godin, the founder of the Phalanstery at Guise; together with a file of the Phalanstery journal "Le Devoir" since 1892, and other issues from that press.

IV. FINANCES.

Schanz, Finanz-Archiv, 1884-1899.

Bulletin Russe, 1895-1899.

Egypt: Commission de la dette publique, 1890-98.

Assessors' reports from New York, Maine, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Oregon.

Taxation reports from many States, and reports of the financial officers of states and municipalities.

Banking and Loan association returns, American and foreign.

Prices and wages in British India, 1890-99.

Revue des banques, 1892-99.

V. SOCIOLOGY AND GENERAL STATISTICS.

Annales de l'Institut international de sociologie, 5 volumes.

Bulletin, Institut international de statistique, vol. 1-10.

Journal of the Statistical and social inquiry society of Ireland, parts 8-69.

Statistik des Deutschen Reichs, 1-8.

Zeitschrift des K. sächsischen statistischen Bureaus,
6-47.

Württembergische Jahrbücher, 7 volumes.

Statistische Monatschrift, 1889-1899.

Annuaire statistique de la Belgique, 1888-1899.

Giornale degli economisti, 1889-1899.

Zeitschrift für Volkswirthschaft, Social-Politik und
Verwaltung, 1-8.

Finding the collection of the journals and debates of the State constitutional conventions incomplete, I have obtained the wanting volumes by exchange and purchase, adding sixty volumes to what was already in the Library; about as many more volumes must be obtained before the series will be complete.

To give in detail the growth of the Statistical Department would be to describe the economic conditions of the world. The wave of prosperity and extraordinary activity now apparently at its height has made itself felt in every branch of commerce and industry, and the mere recording of this activity has produced a mass of statistical issues that requires selection and general sifting. It has been at times difficult to make this selection in a manner proper to meet future contingencies. The sugar interests, whether of cane or beet, in the United States have some immediate interest to every consumer of that necessary article; but the conditions attending the growth, transport, manufacture and distribution of the immense quantity needed to meet our home consumption, involves a study of places and policies which seem at first thought to have no connection with the subject. The contest between cane and beet products, the sugar bounty policies of continental Europe, the acts of tariff, whether avowedly prohibitive, as in Europe, or merely protective or compensatory, as in the United States or British India, the situation of sugar colonies or protectorates, like the Hawaiian and Philippine islands, or the British West Indies, are a few of the matters to be determined before a proper understanding of the true relations of the sugar question can be comprehended, and lead the investigator far into the field of economic and political science.

Another example is to be found in the iron and steel industry. Within the memory of the present generation the United States was practically dependent upon foreign supplies of the better grades of iron and steel, and its domestic production was inadequate to meet the home demand. The extraordinary growth which has placed the United States at

the head of the iron and steel producing nations involves a story which is more like a fairy tale than a serious narration — a product of the imagination and not of actual conditions. Yet the factors leading to this growth are so many that a literature would be required to explain them, and in their present most active state they have not yet run their course so far as to permit a full appreciation of their extent and momentum. Geographical and geological considerations have had weight, and the extraordinary invention and application of labor-saving devices must be weighed; the combination of capitals and the concentration of industry, with all its numberless connected industries and feeders, have their value; and hardly one of these questions could be appreciated by itself. As soon as the industry goes abroad for its ore, or exports its finished or partly finished products, the wide domain of the iron markets of the world is opened to the investigator, a subject of sufficient importance to monopolize his attention.

Turning to a question of State policy, that of taxation certainly stands among the first in importance. War taxes are open to a fair attack from those who claim to be burdened beyond their deserts, and the ever-increasing demand for revenue from State and local governments offers an ever present problem of making old taxes more remunerative or discovering new sources of revenue. The experiments made by the national government in stamp taxes, and that of New York in a franchise tax, of novelty only from the new conditions in which it is applied, call for a full understanding on the part of every man who contributes to the income of nation, State or city. It is not enough to be familiar with the terms of the laws under which these taxes are imposed and collected; the theory or intention controlling the selection of the specific form of tax, and the results of experience in other times and places of similar duties, are essential. Without such intelligent study of the past and present there is danger that taxes may be class taxes, bearing unequally on the taxpayers and prove wasteful in taking more from the people than is returned to them in public benefit.

These examples show how extensive a collection must be gathered in this department if it is to cover with reasonable fullness and clarity the subjects coming under its charge. The mere statistics of production, transport and sale are the raw materials to be wrought upon. All statistics are not reliable, and even true returns may be so arranged and combined as to produce distorted and misleading results. The care of selection must be exercised from the start, and the

need for such care is the greater as each of the great industries has its special or trade journals, often established to maintain a special policy or to advocate a single and interested aspect of the questions. Official returns are slow in compilation, and may not be published until long after the events and conditions they describe have been modified beyond recognition or completely changed. On current issues of the trade papers and on occasional reports, like those of the consular service, must the investigator depend, and a general index of such issues as are valuable should be maintained for the guidance of the public.

The statistics themselves require some general explanation as to cause and tendencies shown by them, and I cannot but look upon this branch of the Statistical Department as its most useful and necessary function; and yet the one which calls for the greatest delicacy and judgment. It would be out of the question to undertake to instruct the investigator, or even to express what could be little else than an individual opinion on the matter to be investigated. There is not the same opportunity for absolute opinion as appertains to a question of natural science, or the authenticity of a medal or any other definite object, where only one condition can be correct. To serve as a propaganda for any opinion or view of an economic or political problem would be entirely out of place; and the objects of the department and purposes of the student are best consulted by maintaining an absolutely neutral attitude, and this is best attained by a judicious selection of authorities covering every important phase of a public question.

As an example, may be named the colonial policy pursued by various nations in various parts of the world. There could hardly be a greater diversity of actual treatment than is shown in the conduct pursued towards their colonies and dependencies by the United Kingdom, France and Germany. From absolute control of all acts, to a full and unrestricted enjoyment of self-government; from commercial monopolies to absolute free trade; and from military dependencies to indefinite protectorates of shadowy rights and duties, the range presents every possible phase of relation between a strong and powerful state and a weak and floating contingent. The events of the last few years, in which European powers have vied with one another in their pursuit of unclaimed portions of the earth's surface, and in which the United States has assumed the colonial dependencies of Spain, enforce the necessity for a proper study of the question of colonization and management of dependencies. A number

of works, principally by French and German writers, on those subjects have been obtained, and from the series of English and German colonial reports may be gathered a record of failure and achievement pregnant with important lessons to existing conditions. A full set of the tariff orders and the reports presented to the Departments of War and the Treasury by special commissioners sent to Cuba and Puerto Rico are on file, as well as such material on the Philippines as could be obtained. I would notice the gift to the Library of a set in seventeen volumes of the "Records of the Cape Colony," "Records of South Eastern Africa," and "Précis of the Archives of the Cape of Good Hope," obtained through the courtesy of the Colonial Secretary at Cape Town. In those different studies or records of colonial enterprise may be found a treatment of every phase of colonial policy. It is not any one experiment or instance which can be pointed out to the inquirer as pertinent to his object; he is given access to all, and prepares his own opinion of what is just or expedient.

The experiment of obtaining public documents of general interest, on general instructions to agents, has more than justified its trial. In place of waiting some months and resorting to specific orders a general instruction was prepared for an agent in each country, covering subjects that might be of interest to readers in this country. This assured the prompt sending of important State papers, and as the experiment developed the instructions were modified and made more definite, while leaving still a wide scope to the discretion and initiative of the agent. The promptness and certainty of receiving these papers have been recognized, and, in a number of instances have proved of high utility. Among the notable examples where the documents were received almost by the first mail after issue and went at once into circulation, without waiting for the usual cataloguing and placing on the shelves, may be mentioned:

1. Spanish diplomatic documents (Red Books) containing the papers on the war and the negotiation to the peace.

2. Important English reports, such as, that on the Indian famine, the South African Republic, the Indian currency question, Local taxation, China negotiations, Land legislation in Ceylon.

3. A series of the White Books of Germany, nineteen in number, the acts of the Reichstag, proceedings of labor congresses, and the issues of the various states of Germany on Commerce and Industry. The pamphlets on Samoa have proved to be of special and timely interest.

A policy of great liberality has been pursued in this matter. Not only were the more important Blue Books kept in Bates Hall, but on three occasions they were loaned to assist in the conduct of university debates on the questions involved. The only condition imposed was a safe and prompt return, and in no instance was the document away from the library more than twenty-four hours.

Having many duplicates I have opened exchange accounts with different libraries and institutions, and have sent out lists of duplicates from which selections have been made. Corresponding lists have been received from these libraries, and in this way some two thousand books and pamphlets have been placed where they were wanted, and due returns obtained. In time the system may be developed and a regular course of exchanges instituted; but a part of the labor may be performed by other divisions of the Library to secure a prompt examination of lists and a careful determination of needs. The number of pieces sent out on exchange account from this department in the last year was 2,510.

The growth of the Statistical Department in volumes is seen by comparing the figures given for the two years, 1898-1899 and 1899-1900. In the former year the number of volumes on political economy was 7,217; in 1899-1900 it was 7,530. The number of volumes in the Statistical Department was 343 in 1898-1899 and 3,382 in 1899-1900, of which less than 1,000 was by transfers from the stacks.

The experiment of open shelves has been in the main successful, and the knowledge that special collections can be found accessible has proved an attraction to those who wish to pursue special investigation. As these collections become more complete, and a better acquaintance with their contents is acquired, more space will be needed for students. The collection turned in from the American Statistical Association is being rapidly absorbed and made accessible to the public. What is already on the shelves has proved an attraction to students in school and university, and the consultation of commercial returns is frequent and growing in estimation.

WORTHINGTON C. FORD.

(C.)

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE BRANCH
DEPARTMENT.SERVICE OF THE BRANCHES AND STATIONS FROM THE
CENTRAL LIBRARY.

The Daily Issue. — The delivery of books from the Central Library in response to the daily applications from the branches and stations, which amounted in 1898-99 to 86,541 volumes, is this year 94,808 volumes. The increase of the daily issue is thus substantial, though not so great as I reported a year ago. But owing to the greater number of applications (cards), 149,705 as against 126,980 in 1898-99, and the more insistent demand for current fiction, it has been necessary to employ every possible device to secure this increase. For our resources do not grow in proportion to the applications. From an investigation made for some weeks, not long ago, it was found that 34 per cent. of the unsuccessful cards called for five popular books. With regard to a considerable proportion of the serious books also, applications mass themselves along certain lines, and are greater in number than a year ago, while we have no more copies than then. When Greek history is being studied, twenty-five or fifty teachers and pupils may be sending at one time for Holm's History of Greece, of which we have only one copy for free circulation.

To provide as fully as possible for these difficulties, systematic double or triple scrutiny is given to the slips, and none goes back to the applicant until all possibilities have been exhausted. In addition, we have now our own copies of certain books, which circulate only through the Branch Division. The deposit collection also is drawn upon regularly for the work of the daily issue. Various other devices are made use of.

Though it is not of great importance in itself that we should fail to supply a certain reader with "Richard Carvel," yet the continued disappointment of a reader, by which he may be altogether estranged from the Library, is not wholly a trivial thing; and it seems to me to be necessarily a matter of more regret that we should disappoint an applicant from Station A, seven miles away, than a frequenter of the Central Library; since the former has but one chance a day, while the latter is on the spot, and may try many times, and choose from many other books. Therefore, though economy and good judgment forbid the multiplication of copies beyond a

certain limit, I would nevertheless recommend still greater liberality, especially in the case of the few leading books.

I reported last year the adoption of a postal card, by which a borrower at a branch or station could be notified of the result of his application to the Central Library, thus being saved unnecessary calls. Of these cards about 450 have been sold this year. To complete the system a private mailing card has been adopted, by which a borrower can ask for a Central Library book without visiting the branch or station through which he applies. When the book arrives he calls or sends, and has it charged on his card. With these forms in use the hardships of borrowers at a distance from any Library agency will be a little lessened.

Deposit Work.—Deposits are now regularly supplied by the Central Library to 53 places, last year to 48. There have been sent out 22,501 volumes; a gain of 4,123 volumes, or 22 per cent., over the year 1898-99. Eighty-six special deposits, with a total of 883 volumes, have been sent to the branches and stations for the use of schools and clubs.

The deposit collection consists of 10,416 volumes, as against 7,988 January 31, 1899. It is not as strong as it should be, especially in books for the young.

WORK WITH SCHOOLS (INCLUDING WORK THROUGH THE BRANCHES).

Special effort has been made this year in the direction of work with the public schools. Our methods are still in an experimental stage, but what has been accomplished may be summed up as follows:

1. The deposits directly to schools have been increased in number. We still supply the four schools reported a year ago, and have added seven more. We have also begun to furnish such deposits from the branches, and six of the schools are so supplied. This method serves the double purpose of bringing the scholars and teachers into closer relations with the neighboring branch, and of sparing the Central Library collections of books. It is a part of the system that the regular Library card shall be used in the schools, and a monthly report of circulation made. More schools would be taken on if we had more books, and if the pressure of the school work on the teachers was not already so great.

2. Books have been reserved for the use of schools, at the branches and stations, on 177 separate occasions, to the number of 2,674 volumes. This is the first year of systematic work in this way. The reserves are asked for on a printed

form signed by a teacher, the subject and length of time for which the books are wanted being given. If the branch cannot furnish all the books recourse is had to the Central Library. In the case of most of the stations the books necessarily come from the Central Library. Books are either used at the branch or station, or taken home for very limited periods. It is plain that the system is of value in bringing school children to use the local Library agencies intelligently and seriously.

3. A small set of catalogues of the Central Library (7 volumes, has been placed in those schools which have asked for it. Thirty schools have been supplied in the last three months. These catalogues enable teachers who wish to do so to assist their pupils in the choice of books. In one school at least the work has been systematized, a librarian appointed, and slips sent in bulk to the nearest station, at regular intervals. Development may be possible in this direction.

4. The custodians of the branches have done much systematic personal work in visiting the neighboring schools. They have made written reports. Registrations have been taken in several schools, and particularly in the evening schools. During the summer vacation special attention was given at the branches to interesting the school children.

From numerous letters and personal interviews, and from the testimony of the custodians, I am assured that while many teachers are apathetic, a certain proportion really values the opportunities afforded by the Library, and that if we have done no more, friendly relations have been appreciably strengthened.

The Library has kept in touch with the important work of the Children's Room and Children's Reference Room at the Central Library. A similar equipment to that of the Children's Reference Room is needed at the branches.

A delivery to schools remote from any branch would be a valuable method of service, if it were not for the obstacle of expense in transportation. With a large delivery the amount of time required from the teacher in charge is another obstacle. It was on account of the latter difficulty that the delivery at the Hancock School, North End, was discontinued, after more than two years of successful operation. The circulation had risen to nearly 7,000 volumes yearly. In furnishing deposits to schools the item of transportation is a trifling one; usually the master sends for the books to the nearest branch or station. The amount of work and time involved for the teacher is a very real difficulty, but not so

great as in the case of a delivery. Direct deposits, then, in addition to a specialized use of the branches and stations, seem at present to be our most practicable line of operation.

The enlargement of the scope of the pupils' cards issued to children under twelve years of age, to include all books that may properly be read by children, will probably increase the number of children using the branches and stations, and bring various benefits with very few accompanying evils.

BRANCHES.

Reclassification. — The reclassification of the branches on a common system, which was begun in June, 1898, has proceeded this year with the following results :

At six of the branches the work is finished, at two it is nearly finished, while at the remaining two good progress has been made. The card catalogues are progressing everywhere, though they have not kept pace with the reclassification in all cases, and are not yet complete except at the Brighton, West End and West Roxbury Branches. Unserviceable books have been selected and transferred to the Central Library to the number of 3,057 volumes.

The labor of the reclassification is so severe that it prevents some other undertakings at the branches. But the results are wholly satisfactory. The books are more accessible in every way. Under the new system every shelf contains books on the same subject arranged in alphabetical order, while every shelf list is a brief classed catalogue. This definiteness is a very real aid to the intelligent use of the books.

The reclassification is an advance towards uniformity in the collections of books, and, as was said last year, it will eventually make possible a comprehensive printed finding list which could be used at any branch, and which would be a measure of economy, since instead of ten printed catalogues we should have one.

The union shelf list and card catalogue at the Central Library simplify the work of administration of the collections. The shelf list now represents six branches and considerable portions of others. It is easy to see from it how well the branches are supplied, and its use in the recommendation of books is growing in importance.

Branch Finding List. — Although there is no comprehensive printed list, common to all the branches, an annual union finding list is printed. The second of these lists appeared in April, 1899.

Open Shelves. — Some extension of the system of open

shelves was mentioned in my last report, with especial reference to the Brighton Branch. This year certain alterations in the interior of the Dorchester and Jamaica Plain Branches were undertaken, which have made possible free access to the shelves, and at South End and South Boston several other alcoves have been thrown open. Our experience seems to prove that the quality of the use of books is improved by open shelves, but not the amount of recorded use. Serious books get a handling and reading when they would not have been asked for if not seen, but since books are chosen more intelligently, fewer are taken home at a venture and exchanged in a few days for others. There is also more reading at the branch, and less at home. Owing to the construction of the book rooms and to certain other limitations, all that can be done at Charlestown, East Boston, Roxbury and West End is to admit freely to the shelves for special purposes, upon application, to increase the number of books shelved outside the counter, and to change such books frequently.

Circulation. — Though the total circulation of the Branch System shows a gain of 6,179 volumes over last year, and the stations a gain of 24,643 volumes, the branches themselves have fallen off in circulation 3 per cent. The total is 638,804 volumes, as against 660,171 in 1898–99. West End has gained largely, and West Roxbury a little.

It may be confidently said that this has been a year of hard labor on the part of the custodians, — more so than former years. They feel, therefore, that other things than the home use circulation should be taken into account in estimating what has been accomplished at the branches; such things, for example, as reference work, the work with schools, and the reclassification. Work in these directions has increased, but much of this labor is necessarily unrecorded.

Sunday Opening. — The Sunday opening of the Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston Branches proved so satisfactory last year that they were again opened for the season beginning November 1 last.

Books. — New books bought for the branches number 4,447 volumes as against 4,222 in 1898–99. Of these, 1,394 volumes were current fiction. The replacements were 1,672 volumes as against 1,122 last year.

The following are the statistics of books condemned, as compared with former years:

	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1897-98.
Condemned, worn-out	2,169	1,028	1,679
Condemned as a precaution against contagious disease	48	52	86

Periodicals. — As I reported last year, a revision of the periodical list was made with a view to a uniform list this year. Such a list has now been adopted consisting of 45 titles, with additional copies of certain magazines. Roxbury and West End have also supplementary lists.

A uniform list of the periodicals to be bound for the branches has also been prepared.

Pictures. — There has been an improved schedule of picture exhibitions, arranged by the Assistant Librarian, and the facilities for hanging the pictures sent from the Central Library to the branches have been improved.

Repairs and Improvements. — At Dorchester and Jamaica Plain alterations in the interior have been made to allow free access to the shelves. Fire extinguishers have been supplied to all the branches, and to the three reading rooms, A, F and P. These are inspected regularly by the Fire Department. At Brighton re-arrangements have been possible by which separate rooms for children and adults have been provided. At several other branches reading rooms have been set apart more definitely for adults, and so placarded. Such rooms would be very desirable in all the branches.

Expenditures. — The total expense of the branches is slightly less than that of 1898-99, — \$47,646 as against \$47,788.55.

DELIVERY STATIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES.

Stations — Enlargement and Improvement. — In May last the transfer of the Hancock School delivery to the Industrial School, North Bennet street, was made; in July, the deposit feature was added; and in November the school was made a regular station, with a daily delivery, under the name Station W, Industrial School Delivery Station. The Trustees of the Industrial School have kindly furnished attractive quarters for the station, and service as well, and the work of the Library goes on in co-operation with that of the school. The delivery at the Hancock School was for girls only, but Station W is of course open to boys and adults. The circulation for eight months has been 5,586 volumes, which, added to the Hancock School circulation before May 31, makes 9,199 volumes as against 6,831 volumes for the Hancock School in 1898-99. And there has been no decrease, but a large gain for the West End Branch, in the neighboring ward. The North End, to the needs of which my report of last year called attention, is thus provided for. There are now three stations, S, U and W, where the Library is relieved of a part of the burden of expense through co-operation, and it is to be noted that this method has so far proved satisfactory.

Stations J and M have been removed, the latter under new management, to buildings very near their former location. Portfolios of pictures have been sent for the first time to the reading rooms F and P, and to Station W. New facilities for hanging pictures have been provided at several stations; 111 volumes have been given to Station U, and 218 to Station S.

Deposits have been enlarged at the stations so far as the resources of the deposit collection have allowed. To Station E a deposit has been sent from the Dorchester Branch. An increase in the use of reference books is reported from the reading rooms.

The delivery of books from certain branches to neighboring stations not having proved profitable has been discontinued. In these cases various efforts were used to persuade people to send applications to the branch; but it has been evident for a long time that they prefer to send to the Central Library. On routes where the Library wagons run a small delivery from a branch to a station may be worth while; otherwise, not.

Circulation. — The total circulation of the delivery stations, engine-houses, schools and institutions is 289,315 volumes as against 264,672 in 1898-99, a gain of 9.3 per cent. The gain in the circulation from the Central Library is 10.8 per cent. All but five stations have gained, and all but one station show a gain either on their direct circulation, or on that from the Central Library. Station U, the Ward Nine Delivery Station, near the Cathedral, was established in December, 1898. Its circulation for the year has been 18,045 volumes. It has probably drawn a little from the circulation of the South End Branch and of Station P, but to a considerable extent it has supplied new demands. Station R has gained over 3,000 volumes this year, and now has the largest circulation that any shop station has ever had, 24,834 volumes. Two reading rooms, D and F, with a small circulation, which fell off last year, show an increase this year.

Sunday Opening. — Stations P and S have again been open on Sunday, with good results.

Service. — There have been no important changes in the personnel of the service at the stations. Three shop stations have been transferred to other custodians. Though the character of the service which we get at shop stations is not always of the highest, yet some of these stations have done excellent work this year.

Meetings of custodians of service stations, which were begun last year, are now held monthly at the Central Library,

and have proved useful. For the further acquaintance of the custodians with Library methods, an arrangement has been made by which the custodian of a station serves occasionally for an afternoon in a neighboring branch, her place being taken by an employee of the branch.

Expenditures. — The cost of the stations, including engine-houses and schools, is \$12,594.58 as against \$12,024.13 last year. The expenses have not increased in proportion to the circulation, since there is a gain in circulation of 24,643 volumes this year.

Other Agencies. — One new engine-house has been added this year and two new deliveries, one to the officers of the Long Island Almshouse, the other to those of the House of Reformation.

Deposits of books have been sent to the Vacation Schools, to the Municipal Camp at Long Island, and to Deer Island for the use of the boys from the House of Reformation who were quartered there.

BRANCH DIVISION — CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Distribution of Periodicals. — The periodicals not needed for binding at the Central Library and branches are sorted and sent monthly to the penal, the pauper, the insane and other institutions of the city; 13,057 copies have been sent out during the year.

Shelf-Reading. — There is a yearly shelf-reading at the stations; 37 volumes missing at the shop stations were paid for this year.

The shelf-reading at the Central Library showed but one volume missing from the deposit shelves.

LANGDON L. WARD,
Supervisor of Branches and Stations.

(D.)

DEATHS AND RESIGNATIONS, 1899-1900.

NAME.	Department.	Entered Service.	Discontinued.
Alice Browne.....	Ordering	Feb. 1, 1883....	Resigned Feb. 12, 1899.
Thomas McFarland...	Ordering	Oct. 27, 1891....	Died May 17, 1899.
Frank A. Wall.....	Engineer.....	Jan. 1, 1897....	Died May 18, 1899.
Birdsey Ives	Printing	July 27, 1896...	Resigned May 27, 1899.
Philip H. Savage.....	Executive	Oct. 1, 1896....	Died June 4, 1899.
Florence M. Painter..	Branch	Aug. 2, 1897....	Resigned Aug. 29, 1899.
Frank C. Porter.....	West End Branch ...	Feb. 1, 1896....	Died July 25, 1899.
Margaret Meffen.....	Dorchester Branch..	March 8, 1892..	Resigned July 27, 1899.
Mary L. Patten.	Special Libraries....	Oct. 24, 1898....	Resigned Sept. 5, 1899.
George H. Hosea.....	East Boston Branch.	Jan. 1, 1873....	Resigned Oct. 4, 1899.
Louis W. Roett.....	Issue.....	March 22, 1895.	Resigned Nov. 1, 1899.
Harry F. Mayer.....	Issue.....	April 27, 1897..	Resigned Nov. 5, 1899.
Gertrude E. Forrest ..	Issue.....	Nov. 1, 1895....	Resigned Jan. 1, 1900.
Chas. A. Hardy.....	Bates Hall ...	March 16, 1896.	Resigned Jan. 22, 1900.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR 1899.

To the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston

The Examining Committee submit the following report :

At the first meeting the committee was organized by the choice of Charles Allen as chairman and James C. Davis as secretary. Later, the resignation of Judge Henry N. Sheldon as a member of the committee was received. Sub-committees were appointed as follows :

On Books.

Rev. George A. Gordon, D.D., *Chairman.*

James Jeffrey Roche.

John Noble.

Mrs. Darwin E. Ware.

William F. Apthorp.

On Catalogues, Bulletins and Printing.

William L. Putnam, *Chairman.*

Miss Ellen F. Mason.

Francis H. Brown, M.D.

Rev. Edward A. Horton.

Charles F. Donnelly.

On Branches and Distribution of Books.

Henry W. Bragg, *Chairman.*

Thomas Hills.

Mrs. Henry H. Sprague.

James C. Davis.

Rev. W. D. Roberts.

The Very Rev. William Byrne.

Frank S. Mason.

On Finance.

William H. Ensworth, M.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. Arthur T. Connolly.

Alfred Bowditch.

Francis L. Higginson.

Henry R. Reed.

On Administration.

Charles Allen, *Chairman, ex officio.*

Alfred Hemenway.

Thomas J. Gargan.

Patrick A. Collins.

Miss Frances H. Turner.

Rev. E. Winchester Donald, D.D.

Horace G. Wadlin.

Charles P. Searle.

Joseph D. Fallon.

The following suggestions are founded on reports by these sub-committees, and upon the discussions and votes at a well-attended meeting of the Examining Committee :

We wish to emphasize the need of better accommodations for the Branch Library in Charlestown. This need is familiar to the Trustees, but there is now a favorable opportunity to buy at a low price a church which is well situated, and well adapted to be fitted up for a library. If this can be done, it would, as we understand, meet the wishes of the residents of Charlestown, and open the way for relieving all existing wants and difficulties there at a moderate cost.

The needs of the East Boston Branch continue unabated, and they are very marked, but at present we are unable to suggest any mode of relief which would be adequate and inexpensive and generally acceptable to the residents of East Boston.

New delivery stations are desirable in Wards 1 and 17. There is also a need, in the West Roxbury Branch, of more room, which can be had at moderate expense.

In respect to the card catalogues, the Committee, while recognizing that the catalogues already are unusually good, recommends the substitution of a single rod, locked at the front of the drawer, for the present double rods locked at the back; the trimming down of the cards to a uniform size; the subdivision of subjects in the Bates Hall catalogue, by placing in all the drawers legibly printed guide-cards of a different color from the other cards, serving the purpose of an index; a revision of the titles contained in the printed Index, supplements and Barton catalogue, with a view to making the Bates Hall catalogue a complete presentation of the whole contents of the Library, catalogued in uniform style; the pushing of the work of transferring titles other than fiction from stack four, the old Lower Hall collection, to the Bates Hall stack, and the removal as far as possible of all manuscript cards from the catalogue.

The staff of assistants in this department has been hardly sufficient to keep up the current work.

At present, the money received from fines and for books lost is paid over to the city. It seems to the Committee that it would be better if the Library should receive these sums directly, thus enabling it to cover the cost of collecting fines, which is considerable, and of immediately replacing the volumes lost. The appropriation for the purchase of new books is inadequate, and in order to keep the Library up to the desired standard the appropriation should be increased by at least \$10,000. The accounts of the Library are well kept, and those in charge of them are entitled to commendation. The practice set forth, in the last report of the Trustees, of keeping the expenses within the available means, is also to be noted and commended.

An erroneous impression prevails to some extent that the appropriations made by the city government are sufficient for all the purposes of the Library. There is, however, always an opportunity to make good use of more money, and it is much to be hoped that this will be borne in mind by liberal persons, and that substantial gifts and bequests of money will become more frequent. The legacy recently left by the late Mr. Daniel S. Ford will be welcomed with grateful appreciation on the part of all lovers of the Library.

The Committee has found nothing to criticise in the manner of carrying on the Central Library. Books are now delivered to borrowers and readers in much less time than formerly: the attendants are obliging and efficient; the use of the Library has increased, and, so far as we know, good order has uniformly prevailed in all the rooms. This last feature is especially noteworthy on Sunday evening. One of our number (Rev. Dr. Donald) is able to speak with knowledge on this point, having made very many visits to the Library on that evening. It is a matter alike of congratulation and of pride that we now have so well-ordered a library, the management of which at once attracts the attention and elicits the commendation of intelligent visitors, both domestic and foreign.

We are satisfied that the Trustees acted wisely in the appointment of Mr. Whitney as Librarian.

For the Committee,

CHARLES ALLEN,
Chairman.

JAMES C. DAVIS,
Secretary.

January 23, 1900.

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APPENDIX I.

FINANCE.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY,
AUDITING DEPARTMENT, February 1, 1900.*To the Trustees:*

GENTLEMEN, — The undersigned herewith presents a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Library Department for the financial year beginning February 1, 1899, and ending January 31, 1900; also a statement concerning the trust and other funds, statements covering special appropriations, and a statement of expenditures on account of the branches for the twelve years ending 1899-1900.

Respectfully,

A. A. NICHOLS,

Auditor.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1899-1900	\$255,000 00	
Income from trust funds :		
Balance from 1898-99	\$7,903 26	
During the year	11,523 50	
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	\$19,426 76	
Less amount transmitted to J. S. Morgan & Co.	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	14,426 76
London accounts :		
Balance in hands of J. S. Morgan & Co., February 1, 1899 :		
Trust funds income	\$9,473 12	
City appropriation	9,717 72	
During the year	7,028 57	
Interest	383 08	
	<hr/>	\$26,602 49
Balance in hands of Baring Bros. & Co.	72 75	
	<hr/>	26,675 24
<i>Carried forward</i>		<hr/> \$296,102 00

<i>Brought forward</i>					\$296,102 00
Gifts:					
From sundry sources for the purchase of photographs:					
Unexpended February 1, 1899	.	.	.	\$42 21	
During the year	.	.	.	323 79	
				<hr/>	\$366 00
From Godfrey M. Hyams	.	.	.	1,000 00	
From Allen A. Brown	.	.	.	100 00	
From J. W. Dunphy	.	.	.	137 74	
From Boston Numismatic Society, unexpended February 1, 1899	.	.	.	237 13	
From Lilian Whiting unexpended February 1, 1899	.	.	.	25 00	
From Elizabeth Lewis, unexpended February 1, 1899	.	.	.	01	
				<hr/>	1,865 88
Exchange account:					
Lost books, sales of duplicates, etc.:					
Balance from 1898-99	.	.	.	\$1,358 39	
During the year	.	.	.	226 86	
				<hr/>	1,585 25
Codman Memorial Fund	.	.	.	2 00	
Interest on bank deposit	.	.	.	1,670 65	
				<hr/>	\$301,225 78

EXPENDITURES.

General library accounts, including the cost of maintaining branches:

Salaries:

General administration	.	.	.	\$133,886 00	
Sunday and evening force	.	.	.	18,542 37	
				<hr/>	\$152,428 37

Books:

City appropriation,	\$12,691 00			
City appropriation, London account,	2,199 63			
	<hr/>	\$14,890 63		

<i>Carried forward</i>	.	\$14,890 63	\$152,428 37	\$301,225 78
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<i>Brought forward</i>	\$14,890 63	\$152,428 37	\$301,225 78
Trust Funds Income, including London account . . .	10,367 39		
		25,258 02	
Newspapers :			
Todd Fund		1,970 38	
Periodicals		5,820 57	
Binding :			
Salaries	\$13,213 02		
Stock	1,715 99		
Equipment	55 27		
Contract work . . .	2,752 46		
“ (British patent specifications)	294 23		
		18,030 97	
Printing:			
Salaries	\$4,783 49		
Stock	2,000 04		
Equipment	1,025 62		
Contract work . . .	1,196 57		
		9,005 72	
Furniture and fixtures		8,980 68	
Gas		1,464 30	
Electric lighting		2,182 92	
Cleaning		7,121 56	
Small supplies		1,450 29	
Ice		170 15	
Stationery		1,855 90	
Rents : Branch Libraries and Read- ing-rooms		5,620 00	
Fuel		8,175 54	
Repairs : Stock and contract work,		5,354 68	
Freights and cartage		802 88	
Transportation between Central Library, Branches and Delivery Stations		3,568 23	
Delivery Stations, service . . .		4,025 24	
Water-rates		1,914 80	
Telephone service		348 67	
Postage and telegrams		898 61	
Typewriting		228 05	
Travelling expenses		443 28	
Advertising		2 40	
Grounds		6 75	
Miscellaneous expenses :			
Herbert Putnam, service and expenses	\$350 00		
Decorations (Dewey Day)	237 77		
<i>Carried forward</i> . .	\$587 77	\$267,128 96	\$301,225 78

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$587 77	\$267,128 96	\$301,225 78
Engrossing	75 00		
Premium on surety bonds	12 50		
	<hr/>	675 27	
Remittance to J. S. Morgan & Co., London		2,028 57	
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		\$269,832 80	
Books : Boston Numismatic Society gift	\$20 53		
Books : J. W. Dunphy gift	122 06		
Books : Allen A. Brown gift	100 00		
Books : Godfrey M. Hyams gift	971 26		
Photographs : Subscription gift	366 00		
Lilian Whiting gift	23 00		
	<hr/>	1,602 85	
Exchange account : Refunded for books returned		15 40	
		<hr/>	271,451 05
Balance			<hr/> <hr/> \$29,774 73

The balance is made up of the following items, viz. :

Cash in City Treasury :			
Income from Trust Funds			\$6,156 10
Cash on deposit in London :			
In hands of J. S. Morgan & Co. :			
Trust Funds	\$10,579 13		
General Funds	9,461 22		
	<hr/>	\$20,040 35	
In hands of Baring Bros. & Co. :			
General Funds		72 75	
		<hr/>	20,113 10
Cash on deposit with New England Trust Co., and on hand :			
Unexpended of donations carried to account of 1900-1901 :			
Boston Numismatic Society	\$216 60		
Lilian Whiting gift	2 00		
Godfrey M. Hyams "	28 74		
J. W. Dunphy "	15 68		
Elizabeth Lewis "	01		
	<hr/>		263 03
Codman Memorial Fund			2 00
Exchange account : lost books, etc.			1,569 85
Interest on bank deposit			1,670 65
			<hr/> <hr/> \$29,774 73

GENERAL APPROPRIATION.

Comparative statement for fiscal years ending January 31, 1899 and 1900.

	1898-99.	1899-1900.
Salaries: General administration	\$128,109 74	\$133,886 00
“ Sunday and evening force.....	17,166 98	18,542 37
Binding: Salaries.....	12,607 57	13,213 02
“ Stock.....	1,499 48	1,715 99
“ Contract work.....	2,918 46	2,752 46
“ Equipment	419 66	55 27
Books.....	14,188 45	12,691 00
Periodicals.....	5,898 24	5,819 40
Furniture and fixtures.....	5,931 74	8,980 68
Gas.....	1,825 14	1,464 30
Electric lighting	1,968 74	2,182 92
Supplies.....	2,416 13	1,620 44
Cleaning	7,404 85	7,121 56
Printing: Equipment.....	1,068 02	1,025 62
“ Stock.....	2,601 24	2,000 04
“ Contract work.....	1,547 31	1,196 57
“ Salaries.....	4,806 19	4,783 49
Stationery.....	2,023 91	1,855 90
Typewriting.....	261 83	228 05
Fuel.....	6,789 78	8,175 54
Rents.....	5,600 00	5,620 00
Repairs.....	7,079 41	5,354 68
Freights and cartage.....	751 66	802 88
Transportation between Central Library and Branches....	3,573 17	3,568 23
Delivery stations	4,030 40	4,025 24
Travelling expenses.....	495 90	443 28
Postage and telegrams.....	1,054 52	898 61
Water-rates	1,718 60	1,914 80
Telephone service	334 60	348 67
Miscellaneous expense.....	300 00	675 27
Advertising	326 75	2 40
Insurance	135 00	.....
Grounds.....	2 40	60 75
Remittance to J. S. Morgan & Co., London .....	.....	2,028 57
	\$246,855 87	\$255,000 00

The cost of maintaining the branches makes part of the general items of the several appropriations:

Cost of Branches, 1898-99	\$59,913 71
“ “ 1899-1900	60,295 93

The amount expended for newspapers, books, and binding (not included above) paid from trust funds and city money in hands of London bankers:

For 1898-99	\$8,782 84
“ 1899-1900	6,604 35

The amount expended for books and photographs (not included above) paid from trust funds in hands of City Treasurer 1898-1899, 1899-1900,

1898-1899,	\$8,271 41
1899-1900,	8,270 66

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Library Building, Dartmouth street, balance of appropriation, February 1, 1899 . . . \$110,116 00

Payments on account of alterations :

Carriers, Lamson Store Service Company	\$5,807 65
Electrical work, Public Buildings Department	5,022 09
Rearranging ventilating system :	
Lynch & Woodward	3,595 23
Masonry, Connery & Wentworth	2,165 43
Carpentry, F. L. Whitcomb	2,029 97
Architects' services, A. S. Jenney and T. A. Fox	1,747 15
Ironwork, Smith & Lovett	1,181 00
Decorating, Elmer E. Garnsey	983 67
Expert service in heating and ventilating, S. Homer Woodbridge	762 71
Plumbing, Isaac N. Tucker	190 00
Bronze railing	155 50
Painting and small items	40 90
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	\$23,681 30

Statuary :

Augustus St. Gaudens on account	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	24,681 30

Balance February 1, 1900		<hr/> <hr/> \$85,434 70
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This balance will be required to settle outstanding contracts and claims.

Library building, furnishing, balance of city appropriation February 1, 1899 \$13,336 21

Payments on account :

F. L. Whitcomb	\$3,031 78
A. H. Davenport	1,751 50
Public Buildings Department	1,336 65
Edw. L. Caldwell	278 50
Mellish & Byfield Company	650 91
John H. Pray, Sons & Co.	351 94
Elmer E. Garnsey	290 00
C. H. McKenney & Co.	230 25
McKenney & Waterbury	179 65
Torrey, Bright & Capen Co.	140 00
Sundry small accounts	273 22
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	8,514 40

Balance February 1, 1900		<hr/> <hr/> \$4,821 81
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Branch Library, Broadway Extension, improvements, balance of appropriation February 1, 1899,	\$3,456 88
Payments on account:	
Books	\$350 96
Furniture and fixtures	95 00
	<hr/> 445 96
Balance February 1, 1900	<u>\$3,010 92</u>
Bust of Gen. Walker	\$2,500 00
Payments on account:	
Richard Edwin Brooks on account	1,300 00
Balance February 1, 1900	<u>\$1,200 00</u>

LONDON ACCOUNTS.

	Balances from 1898-99.	Remittances and Interest, 1899-1900.	Total Credits.	Expendi- tures, 1899-1900.	Balances to 1900-1901.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
J. S. Morgan & Co.,	3,949 12 3	1,440 5 8	5,468 17 8	1,350 4 9	4,118 12 11
J. S. Morgan & Co., interest .....	.....	78 19 9			
J. S. Morgan & Co., photograph fund,	8 13 11	.....	8 13 11	8 13 11	
Baring Bros. & Co.,	15 0 0	.....	15 0 0	.....	15 0 0
	3,973 6 2	1,519 5 5	5,492 11 7	1,358 18 8	4,133 12 11

STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS.

GIVER.	Principal.	Balances from 1898-99.	Income, 1899-1900.	Total Credits to date.	Expenditures, 1899-1900.	Balances unexpended.	Over- expended.
1. Joshua Bates.....	\$50,000 00	\$1,552 08	\$2,000 00	\$3,552 08	\$2,972 15	\$579 93	
2. Jonathan Phillips.....	30,000 00	2,574 86	1,600 00	4,174 86	2,161 79	2,013 07	
3. Abbott Lawrence.....	10,000 00	1,355 47	600 00	1,955 47	1,269 23	686 24	
4. Charlotte Harris.....	10,000 00	3,818 18	400 00	4,218 18	.....	4,218 18	
5. Henry L. Pierce.....	5,000 00	427 34	200 00	627 34	267 18	360 16	
6. Mary P. Townsend.....	4,000 00	682 32	170 00	852 32	206 27	646 05	
7. George Ticknor.....	4,000 00	116 39	160 00	276 39	27 94	248 45	
8. John P. Bigelow.....	1,000 00	249 46	40 00	289 46	92 09	197 37	
9. Franklin Club.....	1,000 00	123 12	40 00	163 12	13 87	149 25	
10. Samuel A. Green.....	2,000 00	241 17	95 00	336 17	45 65	290 52	
11. South Boston.....	100 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	* \$27 03
12. Arthur Scholfield.....	50,000 00 }	3,276 65	2,472 00	5,748 65	2,716 41	3,032 24	
13. Joseph Scholfield.....	11,800 00 }				.....	
14. Thomas B. Harris.....	1,000 00	161 85	40 00	201 85	.....	201 85	
15. Daniel Treadwell.....	6,350 00	397 36	488 50	885 86	230 41	655 45	
16. Edward Lawrence.....	500 00	75 11	20 00	95 11	.....	95 11	
17. J. Ingersoll Rowditch.....	10,000 00	1,179 82	350 00	1,529 82	220 97	1,308 85	

18. Family of Charles Greely Loring.....	500 00	60 00	20 00	80 00	.....	80 00
19. Charles Mead.....	2,500 00	200 00	100 00	300 00	.....	300 00
20. Victorine T. Artz.....	10,000 00	453 94	400 00	853 94	35 85	818 09
21. Papyrus Club.....	1,000 00	60 00	40 00	100 00	18 75	81 25
22. Twentieth Regiment Association.....	5,000 00	120 55	200 00	320 55	81 12	239 43
23. William C. Todd.....	50,000 00	.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	11,970 38	.....
24. Caleb D. Bradlee.....	1,000 00	35 00	35 00	70 00	.....	70 00
25. Friends of Henry Sargent Codman (Memorial Fund).....	2,800 00	.....	49 00	49 00	7 71	41 29
	\$270,150 00	\$17,060 67	\$11,523 50	\$28,680 17	\$12,337 77	\$16,342 74
						\$46 60

* Over-expenditure of previous years \$31.03 less amount of income for 1899.

† Plus over expenditure of previous year, \$49.19.

GENERAL EXHIBIT OF APPROPRIATIONS, SOURCES OF REVENUE AND OTHER FUNDS.

	Balances from 1898-99.	Revenue Received dur- ing the year 1899-1900.	Appropriations.	Total Credits.	Expenditures for 1899-1900.	Balances to 1900-1901.
Library Building, Dartmouth street.....	\$110,116 00	.....	.....	\$110,116 00	\$24,681 30	\$85,434 70
Library Building, furnishing.....	13,336 21	.....	.....	13,336 21	8,514 40	4,821 81
General Library.....	.....	.....	\$255,000 00	255,000 00	* 255,000 00	.....
Trust Funds Income.....	7,903 26	\$11,523 50	.....	19,426 76	† 13,270 66	6,156 10
Branch Library, Broadway Extension, improvements.....	3,456 88	.....	.....	3,456 88	445 96	3,010 92
Bust of General Walker.....	2,500 00	.....	.....	2,500 00	1,300 00	1,200 00
Exchange Account; lost books, sales of duplicates, etc.....	1,358 39	.....	.....	1,358 39	.....	.....
Fine Arts Fund (photographs).....	42 21	211 46	.....	253 67	.....	.....
Elizabeth Lewis.....	.....	323 79	.....	323 79	366 00	1,563 85
Boston Numismatic Society.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lillian Whiting.....	237 13	.....	.....	237 13	.....	01
Allen A. Brown gift.....	25 00	.....	.....	25 00	20 53	216 40
Godfrey M. Hyams gift.....	.....	100 00	.....	100 00	23 00	2 00
J. W. Dunphy gift.....	.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	100 00	.....
Cushman Memorial Fund.....	.....	137 74	.....	137 74	971 26	28 74
.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	122 06	15 68
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00

* This amount includes the sum of \$2,028.57 transmitted to J. S. Morgan & Co., December, 1899.

† This amount includes the sum of \$5,000 transmitted to J. S. Morgan & Co., January, 1900.

RECEIPTS FROM FINES, SALES OF CATALOGUES, LOST CARDS, ETC.

	1899-1900.
Fines.....	.....
Catalogues.....	\$4,603 36
Lost cards.....	267 45
Auction sales.....	69 26
Pay telephone station, commission.....	19 43
Money found.....	30 46
.....	8 75
Total amount paid to City Collector.....	\$4,999 21

EXPENDITURES FOR BRANCHES AND DELIVERY STATIONS, 1888-1900.

	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92. (9 mos.)	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
EAST BOSTON.												
Salaries	\$2,877 60	\$2,649 15	\$2,643 23	\$1,878 10	\$2,588 49	\$2,528 49	\$2,835 31	\$2,814 08	\$2,891 02	\$2,849 07	\$3,009 05	\$3,256 21
Books	384 28	338 22	255 55	417 68	513 79	288 87	359 25	842 14	920 38	763 00	846 61	1,016 76
Expense	698 73	483 02	999 90	604 96	757 05	764 23	621 15	609 45	709 53	713 06	843 69	725 74
	\$3,960 61	\$3,470 39	\$3,389 25	\$2,900 74	\$3,359 33	\$3,322 19	\$3,816 31	\$4,266 27	\$4,521 53	\$4,325 13	\$4,789 35	\$4,998 71
SOUTH BOSTON.												
Salaries	\$3,304 05	\$3,057 13	\$2,904 60	\$2,306 95	\$3,389 11	\$2,496 30	\$3,271 23	\$3,249 45	\$3,498 40	\$3,626 70	\$3,681 64	\$3,918 48
Books	774 93	642 08	448 46	707 25	783 56	573 23	771 37	886 75	1,819 38	873 32	876 70	892 98
Expense	3,020 53	2,748 16	3,172 57	3,102 20	3,054 57	3,328 14	3,142 26	3,024 76	3,804 03	3,178 25	3,102 49	3,125 78
	\$7,099 51	\$6,447 37	\$6,525 63	\$6,117 00	\$7,227 24	\$6,397 67	\$7,185 56	\$7,172 96	\$9,122 41	\$6,758 27	\$7,670 83	\$7,937 24
ROXBURY.												
Salaries	\$3,514 01	\$3,336 47	\$3,154 69	\$2,301 35	\$3,382 30	\$3,121 85	\$3,262 45	\$3,161 55	\$3,447 72	\$3,475 98	\$3,380 47	\$3,578 40
* Books	675 76	457 34	452 94	442 75	774 26	396 77	494 49	658 42	1,332 09	436 75	9 05	10
Expense	2,639 52	2,434 61	2,725 27	2,675 43	2,310 20	2,457 53	2,726 12	3,000 15	2,478 90	2,971 12	2,745 09	2,675 95
	\$7,129 29	\$6,228 42	\$6,332 90	\$5,419 53	\$6,466 76	\$6,476 15	\$6,483 56	\$6,820 12	\$7,458 71	\$6,893 85	\$6,134 61	\$6,254 45
CHARLESTOWN.												
Salaries	\$2,454 77	\$2,623 67	\$2,738 52	\$1,950 18	\$2,008 23	\$2,201 90	\$2,596 38	\$2,397 53	\$3,008 51	\$2,845 22	\$2,809 99	\$3,394 55
Books	672 11	583 39	604 78	375 17	689 15	386 00	423 64	835 91	1,256 10	646 11	520 41	277 94
Expense ..	924 80	871 99	868 86	872 93	974 89	1,105 35	786 05	913 62	1,435 78	855 24	913 31	803 56
	\$4,251 68	\$4,079 05	\$4,212 16	\$3,198 28	\$3,672 27	\$3,693 25	\$3,806 57	\$4,147 05	\$5,300 39	\$4,346 57	\$4,243 71	\$4,476 05

* Books added to this Branch were paid for by the Trustees of the Fellows Athenaeum.

EXPENDITURES FOR BRANCHES AND DELIVERY STATIONS. — *Continued.*

	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92. (9 mos.)	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
BRIGHTON.												
Salaries.....	\$1,613 39	\$1,592 55	\$1,562 20	\$1,134 87	\$1,758 96	\$1,687 77	\$1,872 00	\$1,868 00	\$2,040 75	\$2,117 97	\$2,260 38	\$2,430 41
Books.....	264 50	188 53	96 44	214 41	172 61	126 80	254 54	741 00	1,063 73	752 22	543 95	638 61
Expense.....	806 90	953 55	1,202 97	1,111 39	778 21	1,048 33	524 90	592 89	1,218 65	844 74	1,266 18	608 08
	\$2,724 79	\$2,734 63	\$2,862 11	\$2,460 70	\$2,709 70	\$2,862 90	\$2,711 34	\$3,231 89	\$4,322 53	\$3,714 93	\$4,790 51	\$4,476 53
DORCHESTER.												
Salaries.....	\$2,622 86	\$2,344 51	\$2,129 31	\$1,627 12	\$1,432 46	\$1,918 94	\$2,067 41	\$2,211 16	\$2,691 33	\$2,663 31	\$2,767 61	\$2,728 23
Books.....	673 10	423 95	293 67	386 22	422 04	331 33	464 05	806 65	1,310 70	704 82	580 92	659 67
Expense.....	904 76	906 74	1, 1 3	557 83	763 60	632 50	488 00	700 25	627 57	661 08	631 39	658 88
	\$4,100 66	\$3,737 20	\$3,433 21	\$2,571 17	\$3,618 10	\$2,882 77	\$3,019 46	\$3,717 44	\$4,629 60	\$4,029 21	\$3,982 32	\$4,046 78
SOUTH END.												
Salaries.....	\$2,301 57	\$2,246 81	\$2,186 75	\$1,544 40	\$2,351 93	\$1,869 93	\$2,127 27	\$2,239 76	\$2,314 25	\$2,352 67	\$2,405 67	\$2,505 83
Books.....	500 22	485 78	321 87	514 90	733 67	538 61	467 74	574 76	1,254 64	738 20	531 24	633 51
Expense.....	900 14	906 79	602 46	910 43	533 51	1,128 38	681 28	537 32	465 21	629 96	911 36	406 17
	\$3,702 93	\$3,639 38	\$3,111 68	\$2,969 63	\$3,619 11	\$3,536 32	\$3,279 29	\$3,351 84	\$4,063 50	\$3,780 83	\$3,851 27	\$3,545 54
JAMAICA PLAIN.												
Salaries.....	\$1,874 50	\$1,831 65	\$1,675 13	\$1,270 20	\$1,974 97	\$1,677 67	\$1,913 57	\$2,023 52	\$2,099 95	\$2,131 95	\$2,156 42	\$2,239 90
Books.....	601 69	365 57	374 65	589 54	667 83	263 37	349 96	723 58	1,174 27	763 37	605 58	669 10
Expense.....	888 88	994 67	838 17	774 14	795 11	1,023 75	839 10	702 25	836 26	841 30	837 94	759 09
	\$3,364 74	\$3,201 94	\$2,887 95	\$2,633 88	\$3,437 91	\$3,964 79	\$3,132 63	\$3,449 35	\$4,110 48	\$3,736 52	\$3,599 94	\$3,668 09

NORTH END.

Salaries.....	\$1,326 00	\$1,284 00	\$1,416 50	\$1,025 75	\$1,331 50	\$1,380 00	\$1,529 41	(6 mos.) \$658 83				
Books.....	81 10	77 27	85 03	252 10	128 06	148 24	122 35	11 38				
Expense.....	957 77	1,154 00	1,025 64	1,290 02	665 59	752 02	618 19	412 59				
	\$2,364 87	\$2,515 87	\$2,527 17	\$2,567 87	\$2,125 75	\$2,289 26	\$2,269 95	\$1,082 80				
LOWER MILLS.												
Salaries.....	\$272 00	\$243 00	\$274 00	\$210 00	\$312 00	\$288 00	\$312 00	\$336 00	\$453 07	\$418 00	\$448 00	\$448 00
Books and Periodicals.....	64 85	53 72	52 71	58 57	56 21	71 81	53 05	214 36	75 55	65 59	67 05	69 45
Expense.....	330 17	307 32	305 25	263 20	254 46	572 74	460 25	318 38	335 22	256 28	427 24	305 21
	\$667 02	\$704 04	\$631 96	\$531 77	\$622 07	\$932 55	\$825 90	\$808 74	\$924 44	\$769 87	\$942 29	\$922 66
MATTAPAN.												
Salaries.....	\$130 00	\$120 00	\$25 00						\$121 17	\$418 00	\$418 00	\$448 00
Books and Periodicals.....									264 95	77 25	81 15	69 45
Expense.....	180 08	170 59	276 31	\$226 07	\$341 32	\$264 40	\$359 41	426 64	356 98	355 13	364 83	333 61
	\$310 08	\$290 59	\$301 31	\$226 07	\$341 32	\$364 40	\$359 41	\$732 50	\$1,046 10	\$880 38	\$843 48	\$851 06
NEPONSET.												
Salaries.....	\$130 00	\$120 00	\$100 00	\$87 56	\$120 00	\$97 50			\$320 34	\$372 86	\$344 04	\$332 87
Expense.....	243 47	248 65	234 80	124 45	268 15	184 05	\$353 35		\$390 81	\$372 86	\$344 04	\$332 87
	\$373 47	\$368 65	\$334 80	\$212 01	\$388 15	\$281 55	\$353 35	\$320 34	\$390 81	\$372 86	\$344 04	\$332 87
ROSLINDALE.												
Salaries.....	\$91 00	\$84 00	\$45 46				\$459 83	\$138 18	\$604 97	\$774 17	\$725 46	\$652 20
Expense.....	148 45	141 40	288 27	\$267 04	\$339 32	\$371 80	\$459 83	18	\$604 97	\$774 17	\$725 46	\$652 20
	\$239 45	\$225 40	\$333 73	\$267 04	\$339 32	\$371 80	\$459 83	18	\$604 97	\$774 17	\$725 46	\$652 20
WEST ROXBURY.												
Salaries.....	\$131 11	\$124 63	\$120 62	\$78 50	\$140 80	\$226 50	\$238 97	\$277 00	\$528 40	\$762 45	\$859 76	\$985 80
Books and Periodicals.....						35 00	17 60	454 20	1,252 19	257 94	193 76	245 08
Expense.....	92 65	80 65	75 60	84 25	206 37	323 62	264 58	3 59 69	431 56	470 31	412 77	340 08
	\$223 16	\$213 28	\$196 22	\$162 75	\$347 17	\$655 12	\$524 15	\$1,190 89	\$2,282 15	\$4,490 70	\$4,406 29	\$4,570 96

EXPENDITURES FOR BRANCHES AND DELIVERY STATIONS. — *Continued.*

	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92. (9 mos.)	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
MOUNT BOWDOIN.												
Salaries	\$208 22	\$508 00	\$276 00	\$201 25	\$208 25	\$276 00	\$204 00	\$322 00	\$453 38	\$448 00	\$448 00	\$448 00
Periodicals.....	132 31	123 79	108 12	78 07	80 57	87 98	68 20	255 31	87 15	73 45	75 40	69 45
Expense.....	448 14	541 21	480 95	346 70	462 29	479 00	423 79	427 36	514 78	524 14	563 18	511 34
	\$878 67	\$1,233 00	\$865 07	\$626 02	\$841 11	\$842 98	\$785 99	\$1,004 67	\$1,055 31	\$1,045 59	\$1,026 58	\$1,028 79
ALLSTON.												
Salaries.....		\$235 30	\$48 00									
Expense		114 16	286 46	\$276 30	\$380 60	\$385 90	\$381 21	\$403 63	\$466 56	\$510 47	\$467 60	\$473 48
		\$349 46	\$334 46	\$276 30	\$380 60	\$385 90	\$381 21	\$403 63	\$466 56	\$510 47	\$467 60	\$473 48
ASHMONT.												
Expense			\$220 44	\$103 47	\$215 71	\$379 16	\$371 48	\$359 00	\$386 88	\$363 91	\$461 09	\$469 74
DORCHESTER STATION.												
Expense			\$100 33	\$204 34	\$255 60	\$322 39	\$328 16	\$319 41	\$438 74	\$537 91	\$476 97	\$448 02
BIRD STREET.												
Expense					\$209 14	\$317 47	\$329 98	\$319 52	\$368 47	\$375 24	\$369 17	\$345 15
BLUE HILL AVENUE.												
Expense					\$202 28	\$361 09	\$332 07	\$336 25	\$620 88	\$552 24	\$522 20	\$486 28
HARVARD STREET.												
Expense					\$68 63	\$46 40	\$329 48					

EXPENDITURES FOR BRANCHES AND DELIVERY STATIONS.—(Continued.)

	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92. (9 mos.)	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
BOYLSTON STATION.												
Expense.....										(3 mos.) \$26 30	\$516 05	\$491 24
SCHOOL-HOUSES.												
Expense.....										47 52	93 25	85 24
ENGINE-HOUSES.												
Expense.....										71 41	98 10	87 02
UNION PARK ST.												
Salaries.....											(5 weeks) \$48 75	569 50
Expense.....											26	111 07
											\$49 01	\$280 57
											\$60,446 38	\$60,741 59

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS.

BIGELOW FUND. — This is a gift from the late JOHN P. BIGELOW of Boston, in August, 1850, when Mayor of the city.

The income from this fund is to be appropriated to the purchase of books for the increase of the Library.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$1,000 00

Payable to the Chairman of the Committee on the Public Library for the time being.

BATES FUND. — This is a gift from the late JOSHUA BATES of London, in March, 1853.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$50,000 00

“The income only of this fund is to be, each and every year, expended in the purchase of such books of permanent value and authority as may be found most needful and most useful.” Payable to the Mayor of the city for the time being.

BOWDITCH FUND. — This is the bequest of J. INGERSOLL BOWDITCH of Boston. Received January, 1890.

Invested in one City of Boston Three and one-half per cent. Bond, for \$10,000 00

The whole income in each and every year to be expended in the purchase of books of permanent value and authority in mathematics and astronomy.

PHILLIPS FUND. — This is a gift from the late JONATHAN PHILLIPS of Boston, in April, 1853.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$10,000 00

The interest on this fund is to be used exclusively for the purchase of books for said Library.

Also a bequest in his will, dated September 20, 1849.

Invested in one City of Boston Six per cent. Bond, for . . . \$20,000 00

The interest on this fund is to be annually devoted to the maintenance of a Free Public Library.

Both of these sums are payable to the Mayor of the city for the time being.

ABBOTT LAWRENCE FUND. — This is the bequest of the late ABBOTT LAWRENCE of Boston. Received May, 1860.

Invested in one City of Boston Six per cent. Bond, for . . . \$10,000 00

The interest on this fund is to be exclusively appropriated for the purchase of books for the said Library, having a permanent value.

EDWARD LAWRENCE FUND. — This is the bequest of the late EDWARD LAWRENCE of Charlestown. Received May, 1886. The following clause from his will explains its purpose:

“To hold and apply the income, and so much of the principal as they may choose, to the purchase of special books of reference to be kept and used only at the Charlestown Branch of said Public Library.”

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$500 00

PIERCE FUND.—This is a gift from HENRY L. PIERCE, Mayor of the city, November 29, 1873, and accepted by the City Council, December 27, 1873.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$5,000 00

TOWNSEND FUND.—This is a gift from William Minot and William Minot, Jr., executors of the will of MARY P. TOWNSEND, of Boston, at whose disposal she left a certain portion of her estate in trust, for such charitable and public institutions as they may think meritorious. Said executors accordingly selected the Public Library of the City of Boston as one of such institutions, and attached the following conditions to the legacy: "The income only shall, in each and every year, be expended in the purchase of books for the use of the Library; each of which books shall have been published in some one edition at least five years at the time it may be so purchased." Received, April, 1879.

Invested in one City of Boston Three and one-half per cent.
Bond, for \$4,000 00

TICKNOR BEQUEST.—By the will of the late GEORGE TICKNOR of Boston, he gave to the City of Boston, on the death of his wife, all his books and manuscripts, in the Spanish and Portuguese languages, about four thousand volumes, and also the sum of four thousand dollars. After the receipt of said sum, the city is required to spend not less than one thousand dollars in every five years during the twenty-five years next succeeding (*i.e.*, the income of four thousand dollars, at the rate of five per cent. per annum), in the purchase of books in the Spanish and Portuguese languages and literature. At the end of twenty-five years the income of said sum is to be expended annually in the purchase of books of permanent value, either in the Spanish or Portuguese language, or in such other languages as may be deemed expedient by those having charge of the Library. These books bequeathed or purchased are always to be freely accessible for reference or study, but are not to be loaned for use outside of the Library building. If these bequests are not accepted by the city, and the trusts and conditions faithfully executed, the books, manuscripts and money are to be given to the President and Fellows of Harvard College.

In order that the city might receive the immediate benefit of this contribution, Anna Ticknor, widow of the donor, relinquished her right to retain during her life the books and manuscripts, and placed them under the control of the city, the City Council having previously accepted the bequests in accordance with the terms and conditions of said will, and the Trustees of the Public Library received said bequests on behalf of the city, and made suitable arrangements for the care and custody of the books and manuscripts. Received April, 1871.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$4,000 00

FRANKLIN CLUB FUND.—This is a gift made in June, 1863, by a literary association of young men in Boston, who, at the dissolution of the association, authorized its trustees, Thomas Minns, John J. French and J. Franklin Reed, to dispose of the funds on hand in such a manner as to them should seem judicious. They elected to bestow it on the Public Library attaching to it the following conditions: "In trust that the income, but the income only, shall, year by year, be expended in the purchase of books of permanent value for the use of the free Public Library of the city, and as far as practicable, of such a character as to be of special interest to young men." The Trustees expressed a preference for books relative to Government and Political Economy. Received June, 1863.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$1,000 00

TREADWELL FUND. — By the will of the late DANIEL TREADWELL of Cambridge, late Rumford Professor in Harvard College, who died February 27, 1872, he left the residue of his estate, after payment of debts, legacies, etc., in trust to his executors, to hold during the life of his wife for her benefit, and, after her decease, to divide the residue then remaining in the hands of the trustees as therein provided, and convey one-fifth part thereof to the Trustees of the Public Library in the City of Boston.

The City Council have accepted said bequest, and authorized the Trustees of the Public Library to receive the same, and to invest it in the City of Boston Bonds, the income of which is to be expended by said trustees, in such manner as they may deem for the best interests of the Library.

Invested in the City of Boston Four per cent. Bonds, for .	\$5,550 00
Invested in the City of Boston Three and one-half per cent. Bonds, for .	1,400 00
Invested in 16 shares Boston & Albany R.R. Co. stock, par value \$100 each .	1,600 00
Invested in 6 shares Boston & Providence R.R. Co. stock, par value \$100 each .	600 00
Invested in 12 shares Fitchburg R.R. Co. stock, par value \$100 each .	1,200 00
Invested in 1 share Vermont & Massachusetts R.R. Co. stock, par value \$100 each .	100 00
	<u>\$10,450 00</u>

CHARLOTTE HARRIS FUND. — Bequest of CHARLOTTE HARRIS, late of Boston, the object of which is stated in the following extract from her will:

"I give to the Charlestown Public Library \$10,000 to be invested on interest, which interest is to be applied to the purchase of books published before 1850. I also give to said Public Library my own private library, and the portrait of my grandfather, Richard Devens." Bequest accepted by City Council, July 31, 1877.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for .	<u>\$10,000 00</u>
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THOMAS B. HARRIS FUND. — Bequest of THOMAS B. HARRIS, late of Charlestown, for the benefit of the Charlestown Public Library. Received, April, 1884.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for .	<u>\$1,000 00</u>
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SCHOLFIELD FUND. — Bequest of ARTHUR SCHOLFIELD, who died in New York, January 17, 1883. The interest to be paid to certain heirs during their lives, and then to be used for the purchase of books of permanent value. The last heir, Joseph Scholfield, died November 18, 1889, and by his will bequeathed to the City of Boston the sum of \$11,800, which represents the income of said fund, received by him up to the time of his death, to be added to the fund given by his brother.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for .	\$50,000 00
" " " " " " " " " " " "	11,800 00
	<u>\$61,800 00</u>

GREEN FUND. — Gifts from Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, of Boston, of \$2,000, the income of which is to be expended for the purchase of books relating to American history.

Invested in two City of Boston Five per cent. Bonds, for .	\$1,500 00
Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for .	500 00
	<u>\$2,000 00</u>

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY TRUST FUND. — Gift of a citizen of South Boston, the income of which is to be expended for the benefit of the South Boston Branch Library. Received September, 1879.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$100 00

CHARLES GREELY LORING MEMORIAL FUND. — This is a gift from the family of Charles Greely Loring, the income of which is to be expended for the purchase of books for the West End Branch. Received January, 1896.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$500 00

CHARLES MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUND. — Received from Charles Mead, executor of the estate of Charles Mead, the amount of legacy of the late Charles Mead, to constitute the "CHARLES MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUND," for the promotion of the objects of the Public Library, in such manner as the government of said Library shall deem best, and so far as the government shall deem consistent with the objects of the Library, to be used for the benefit of the South Boston Branch Library. Received October, 1896.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$2,500 00

ARTZ FUND. — This is a gift made in November, 1896, by Miss VICTORINE THOMAS ARTZ, of Chicago: the income "to be employed in the purchase of valuable rare editions of the writings, either in verse or prose, of American and of foreign authors." These books are to be known as the "Longfellow Memorial Collection."

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$10,000 00

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY MEMORIAL FUND. — This fund was received from the members of the Papyrus Club, May, 1897. The income thereof is to be expended for the purchase of books in memory of their late member, JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$1,000 00

TWENTIETH REGIMENT MEMORIAL FUND. — This is a gift made in April, 1897, by the Association of Officers of the Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. It is to be used for the purchase of books of a military and patriotic character, to be placed in the alcove appropriated as a Memorial of the Twentieth Regiment.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$5,000 00

TODD FUND. — This is a gift made in October, 1897, by WILLIAM C. TODD of Atkinson, New Hampshire. The income is to be expended annually in payment for such current newspapers of this and other countries as the board of officers for the time being having charge of the Public Library of the City of Boston, shall purchase.

Invested in one City of Boston Four per cent. Bond, for . . . \$50,000 00

BRADLEE FUND. — A bequest of the late Rev. CALEB DAVIS BRADLEE, D.D., of Boston, to the Boston Public Library. Received November, 1897.

Invested in one City of Boston Three and one-half per cent.

Bond \$1,000 00

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS.—INVESTED IN CITY OF BOSTON BONDS.

GIVER.	Amount.	When received.	No. of bond.	When due.	Income.	Provisions.
1 J. Anna Bates.....	\$50,000 00 { 20,000 00	March, 1853 April, 1861	8,104 352	April, 1913 Jan'y, 1906	\$2,000 1,000	To buy "books of permanent value." "To the maintenance of a free public library."
2 Jonathan Phillips.....	10,000 00	April, 1855	8,105	April, 1913	600	{ Purchase of books." Books having a permanent value.
3 Abbott Lawrence.....	10,000 00	May, 1860	281	April, 1905	600	Books for Charlestown branch, published before 1850.
4 Charlotte Harris.....	10,000 00	August, 1817	10,707	Oct., 1917	400	"Books of permanent value for the Bates Hall."
5 Henry L. Pierce.....	5,000 00	December, 1873	7,092	Jan'y, 1924	200	Books five years old in some one edition.
6 Mary P. Townsod.....	4,000 00	April, 1879	11,572	April, 1929	140	Books in Spanish and Portuguese five years old in some one edition.
7 George Ticknor.....	4,000 00	April, 1870	2,003	Oct., 1920	100	Purchase of books.
8 John P. Bigelow.....	4,000 00	August, 1850	8,106	April, 1913	40	Books of permanent value, preferably "books on government and political economy."
9 Franklin Club.....	1,000 00	June, 1853	1,324	Jan'y, 1914	40	Books relating to American history.
10 Samuel A. Green.....	1,500 00 { 500 00	November, 1878 April, 1884	722 1,243	Oct., 1900 April, 1914	75 20	For benefit of South Boston Branch.
11 South Boston.....	100 00	September, 1870	5,008	July, 1919	4	To be used for books of permanent value.
12 Arthur Schofield.....	50,000 00	December, 1888	1,223	Oct., 1912	2,000	For benefit of Charlestown Branch.
13 Joseph Schofield.....	11,800 00	July, 1890	6,300	July, 1920	472	
14 Thomas B. Harris.....	1,000 00 { 2,000 00 1,700 00 1,400 00 350 00 500 00	April, 1884 { October, 1885 November, 1889 July, 1892 1884 January, 1896	1,244 { 1,382 1,486 1,754 2,210 2,452 9,381	April, 1914 April, 1916 Oct., 1917 Nov., 1919 Oct., 1921 Oct., 1923 Jan'y, 1906	40	
15 Daniel Treadwell.....	10,000 00	January, 1880	1,816	Jan'y, 1926	271	To be expended by the Trustees in such manner as they may deem for the best interests of the Library.
16 Edward Lawrence.....	500 00	May, 1896	1,283	April, 1916	20	For the purchase of books of permanent value and authority in mathematics and astronomy, to be added to the Howditch collection.
17 J. Ingersoll Howditch.....	10,000 00	January, 1880	9,479	Jan'y, 1916	20	Memorial Fund from the income of which books are to be bought for the West End Branch.
18 { Family of Charles Greely Loring }	500 00	January, 1896	9,479	Jan'y, 1916	20	For the preservation of the objects of the Public Library in such manner as the government of said Library shall deem best, and so far as the government shall deem consistent with the objects of the Library, to be used for the benefit of the South Boston Branch of the Library.
19 Charles Mead.....	2,500 00	October, 1867	10,304	Jan'y, 1917	100	For the purchase of valuable and rare editions of the writings, either in manuscript or in print, of the authors, to be known as the Longfellow Memorial Collection.
20 Victorine T. Atz.....	10,000 00	November, 1887	10,305	Jan'y, 1917	400	For the purchase of books of a military and patriotic character, to be known as the Longfellow Memorial Collection.
21 Payson Club.....	1,000 00	May, 1897	10,531	July, 1917	40	John Doyle O'Reilly Memorial Fund "for the purchase of books."
22 Twentieth Regiment Ass'n.....	5,000 00	April, 1897	10,785	Oct., 1917	200	For the purchase of books of a military and patriotic character, to be known as the Longfellow Memorial Collection.
23 William C. Todd.....	50,000 00	October, 1897	10,830	Oct., 1927	2,000	This bequest to be expended annually for current newspapers of this and other countries.
24 Caleb D. Bradley, D.D.....	1,000 00	November, 1907	11,244	Jan., 1918	35	Unrestricted.
25 { Friends of Henry Sargent Codman }	2,800 00 \$370,150 00	January, 1898	11,688	April, 1920	98	For the purchase of books upon landscape gardening.

MEMORANDA.

- 1 Joshua Bates, born near Boston, 1788, died in London, as the head of the house of Baring Brothers & Co., 1864. In addition to this fund, he gave \$50,000 worth of books to the City of Boston.
- (2) The sum of \$10,000 was a gift in Mr. Phillips' lifetime. The other \$20,000 was bequeathed by his will, dated 20th September, 1849. He died 25th July, 1860, aged 82.
- (3) Mr. Lawrence died in August, 1854, and this sum was a bequest to the City of Boston, with it for private library was also given.
- (4) The sum of \$10,000 was a gift in Mr. Phillips' lifetime. The other \$20,000 was bequeathed by his will, dated 20th September, 1849. He died 25th July, 1860, aged 82.
- (5) The gift of Mayor Pierce, previous to his retirement from office. The principal or interest may be expended as is deemed best.
- (6) This fund was received from William Mitton and William Mitton, Jr., co-executors of Mrs. M. M. Townsend's will, to whom discretionary power in making the gift was given by the will of the late Charles Mead, to be used for the purchase of books of a military and patriotic character, to be known as the Longfellow Memorial Collection.
- (7) The addition of books to said Library.
- (8) This fund was a sum intended for a testimonial to Mr. Bigelow on retiring from the municipality, and was transferred by him to this purpose.
- (9) The sum of \$10,000 was a gift in Mr. Phillips' lifetime. The other \$20,000 was bequeathed by his will, dated 20th September, 1849. He died 25th July, 1860, aged 82.
- (10) Legacy of the late Charles Mead, to constitute the "Charles Mead Public Library Trust Fund."
- (11) Given by Victorine Thoms Atz, of Chicago, to constitute the "Victorine Thoms Atz Memorial Fund."
- (12) Given by the Twentieth Regiment Association, in a memorial of the Twentieth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.
- (13) Contribution from the friends of the late Henry Sargent Codman, to be used to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Codman by the purchase of books upon landscape gardening.

STOCKS AND CASH OTHER THAN CITY BONDS HELD BY TREADWELL FUND, PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SHARES.	Par value per Share.	Value per Share as received from Trustee.	Total as received from Trustee.	Income.	Remarks.
15 B. & A. R. R. Co.....	\$100 00	\$179 50	\$2,685 00	\$128 00	
6 B. & Prov. R. R. Co.....	100 00	118 00	1,067 00	48 00	
9 Fitchburg R. R. Co.....	100 00	118 00	1,062 00	48 00	April 3, 1887. The certificates of a share of B. R. R. exchanged for a share of F. R. R. Preferred stock in same corporation, par value \$100. Total, \$1,200.
1 Vt. & Mass. R. R. Co.....	100 00	123 00	123 00	6 00	
Cash.....			88 00	Loss 88 00	
1 B. & A. R. R. Co.....	100 00			\$5,807 00	Loss paid May 10, 1888, to City Collector, per order of Board of Trustees of Public Library.
Cash in City Treasury.....				100 00	
				37 60	

* Includes income on the one share below.

HENRY SARGENT CODMAN MEMORIAL FUND.—This is a contribution from the friends of the late Henry Sargent Codman, to be used to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Codman by the purchase of books upon landscape gardening. Received January, 1898.

Invested in one City of Boston Three and one-half per cent.

Bond	\$2,800 00
Cash in City Treasury, January 31, 1900	52 41
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	\$2,852 41

RECAPITULATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS.

Scholfield Fund	\$61,800 00
Bates Fund	50,000 00
Todd Fund	50,000 00
Phillips Fund	20,000 00
Phillips Fund	10,000 00
Bowditch Fund	10,000 00
Charlotte Harris Fund	10,000 00
Abbott Lawrence Fund	10,000 00
Treadwell Fund	10,487 69
Artz Fund	10,000 00
Twentieth Regiment Memorial Fund	5,000 00
Pierce Fund	5,000 00
Townsend Fund	4,000 00
Ticknor Fund	4,000 00
Charles Mead Fund	2,500 00
Green Fund	2,000 00
Bigelow Fund	1,000 00
Thomas B. Harris Fund	1,000 00
Franklin Club Fund	1,000 00
John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Fund	1,000 00
Bradlee Fund	1,000 00
Edward Lawrence Fund	500 00
Charles Greely Loring Memorial Fund	500 00
South Boston Branch Library Trust Fund	100 00
Codman Memorial Fund	2,852 41
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	\$273,740 10

APPENDIX II.

EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY BY YEARS.

YEARS.			Total volumes in the Libraries.	YEARS.			Total volumes in the Libraries.	YEARS.			Total volumes in the Libraries.
1	1852-53	9,688		17	1868-69	152,796		33	1884-85	453,947	
2	1853-54	16,221		18	1869-70	160,573		34	1885	460,993	
3	1854-55	22,617		19	1870-71	179,250		35	1886	479,421	
4	1855-56	28,080		20	1871-72	192,958		36	1887	492,956	
5	1856-57	34,896		21	1872-73	209,456		37	1888	505,872	
6	1857-58	70,851		22	1873-74	260,550		38	1889	520,508	
7	1858-59	78,043		23	1874-75	276,918		39	1890	536,027	
8	1859-60	85,031		24	1875-76	297,873		40	1891	556,283	
9	1860-61	97,386		25	1876-77	312,010		41	1892	576,237	
10	1861-62	105,034		26	1877-78	345,734		42	1893	597,152	
11	1862-63	110,563		27	1878-79	360,963		43	1894	610,375	
12	1863-64	116,934		28	1879-80	377,225		44	1895	628,297	
13	1864-65	123,016		29	1880-81	390,982		45	1896-97	663,763	
14	1865-66	130,678		30	1881-82	404,221		46	1897-98	698,888	
15	1866-67	136,080		31	1882-83	422,116		47	1898-99	716,050	
16	1867-68	144,092		32	1883-84	438,594		48	1899-1900	746,383	

VOLUMES IN LIBRARY AND BRANCHES, JANUARY 31, 1900,
ACCORDING TO LOCATION.

Central Library		557,624	Jamaica Plain	12,525
Duplicate room		22,029	South Boston	14,472
		579,653	South End	13,321
			West End	11,323
Roxbury branch	Fellowes Athenæum.....	20,451	West Roxbury.....	4,521
	Collection owned by City.	12,974	Lower Mills (Station A).....	88
	Total, Roxbury branch.	33,425	Mattapan (Station D)	98
			Mt. Bowdoin (Station F).....	992
			North Brighton (Station L)	75
Brighton		14,357	Broadway Ext. (Station P)	1,754
Charlestown		31,943	Roxbury Crossing (Station S) .	213
Dorchester		15,927	Ward Nine (Station U).....	137
East Boston.....		11,559		

APPENDIX III.

NET INCREASE OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS. ♦

	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
Bates Hall.....	13,518	15,306	16,499	20,493	32,491	} 11,821	20,273	26,579	20,680	21,937
Lower Hall.....	1's 50	1's 23	818	loss 455	746					
Duplicate room	419	2,355	1's 9,143	loss 542	1's 8,056	313	2,890	8,603	2,063	6,894
Brighton branch	91	167	98	23	292	107	1,217	276	1's 3,190	471
Charlestown branch..	233	421	22	339	300	loss 16	1's 112	398	2,095	1's 13
Dorchester branch...	269	222	209	134	358	loss 73	1,415	159	1's 1,402	514
East Boston branch..	58	59	5	48	126	112	1,021	147	1's 1,478	1's 255
Jamaica Plain branch	150	214	112	221	329	273	1,277	374	1's 1,286	29
¹ North End branch..	12	224	84	75	63	1's 1,861	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roxbury branch	146	308	loss 352	147	382	48	1,202	1's 2,896	1's 1,628	1's 424
Fellowes Athenæum	361	438	289	318	318	407	348	402	936	990
South Boston branch	115	200	51	55	401	loss 289	1,509	loss 69	113	1's 440
South End branch....	187	365	loss 67	26	276	138	1,435	308	1's 683	1's 588
West End branch ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,897	6,522	1,555	385	466	498
W. Roxbury branch..	10	.....	.....	33	4	626	loss 8	185	169	199
Lower Mills reading room .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	3	.....	.....	.....
Mattapan reading room .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	24	1	.....	.....
Mt. Bowdoin reading room .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	932	loss 30	16	.....
North Brighton read- ing room .....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	74	loss 7	.....	1	1's 1
Broadway Extension reading room.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	261	724	307	290	172
Roxbury Crossing delivery station ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	213
Ward Nine delivery station.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137
Total	15,519	20,256	8,633	20,915	29,927	18,695	35,698	35,129	17,162	30,333

¹ Collection transferred to West End branch.

PLACED ON THE SHELVES FEBRUARY 1, 1899, TO JANUARY 31, 1900.

	Placed on the shelves.	Condemned, missing, transferred.	Net gain.
Central Library.....	25,035	3,098	21,937
Central Library, Duplicate room.....	7,494	600	6,894
Brighton branch.....	619	148	471
Charlestown branch.....	161	174	loss 13
Dorchester branch.....	686	172	514
East Boston branch.....	1,079	1,334	loss 255
Jamaica Plain branch	592	563	29
Roxbury branch, city collection.....	16	440	loss 424
Roxbury branch, Fellowes Athenæum.....	1,040	50	990
South Boston branch.....	998	1,438	loss 440
South End branch.....	630	1,218	loss 588
West End branch	725	227	498
West Roxbury branch	252	53	199
Lower Mills reading room.....			
Mattapan reading room.....			
Mt. Bowdoin reading room			
North Brighton reading room		1	loss 1
Broadway Extension reading room.....	427	255	172
Roxbury Crossing delivery station.....	218	5	213
Ward Nine delivery station.....	137		137
Total	40,109	9,776	30,333

APPENDIX IV.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASS NO.	CLASSES.	GENERAL COLLECTION.					SPECIAL LIBRARIES																						Total, including special libraries.
							1858.	1861.	1866.	1869.	1871.	1873.	1875.	1877.	1889.	1889.		1899.	1892.	1894.	1894.	1894.	1896.	1896.	1897.		1898.		
		Placed on shelves, 1899.	Loans by con- demned, lost and destroyed.	Loans by obsolescence to other libraries.	Total in general library, Jan. 31, 1900.	Bowditch library.	Parker library.	Peabody library.	Todd library.	Ticknor library.	Hayden library.	Thayer library.	Hunt library.	Franklin library.	Gilbert library.	Patent library.	John A. library.	Military library.	John Adams library.	Allen A. Brown library.	Chamberlain library.	Galatea library.	Cedman library.	445 library.	Newspaper room.	Browning collection.	Statistical department.		
I.	Cyclopedias, etc.	19			1,820	249	322	6					21	15														2,433	
II.	Bibliography and literary history	566	12	10	13,605	35	615	5			278	691	33		10		8				1			14	1	1		17	15,314
III.	General history, biography and geography	643	12	4	14,924	17	655	43			54	135	424		1		2						108		3		5	16,371	
IV.	American literature (history, geography, bio., raphy, belles-lettres, language)	3,079	71	435	70,313	107	1,096	833			362	812	385	669	480	75	893	679	710						649	11	645	79,013	
V.	English literature (history, geography, biography, belles-lettres, language)	1,558	36	1	47,095	77	857	114			21	3,204	2,458		18	270	5,040						223	31	18		329	6	60,271
VI.	French literature (history, geography, biography, belles-lettres, language)	1,171	52	10	25,072	60	522	7			58	2,474	670		8	4	428						114	1	3		8	29,429	
VII.	Italian literature (history, geography, biography, belles-lettres, language)	427	11	1	11,362	11	336	2			31	337	184			1								9		4		12,467	
VIII.	German literature (history, geography, biography, belles lettres, language)	226	102	6	17,561	9	1,423	8			26	254	101		1	2	539						46		2		28	20,320	
IX.	Greek, Latin and philology	333	12	12	10,282	0	1,181	107			182	617	23		3	1	1						9		1			12,456	
X.	Spanish and Portuguese literature (history, geography, biography, belles-lettres, language)	102	4	1	3,154	22	95				4,293	200	64				1	1						3			1	7,794	
XI.	Oriental literature (history, geography, biography, belles-lettres, language)	794	21	4	15,279	2	329	1										28									54	16,000	
XIIa.	Periodicals	696	14	327	23,300	1,387	733	5			250	471	53			1	14						29		8	5,386	8	31,730	
XIIb.	Transactions	98			7,249	58																							7,307
XIII.	Theology, ecclesiastical history, etc.	914	17	6	34,742	147	5,622	685			381	245	248			12		1						2		2		39,987	
XIV.	Metaphysics, social science, etc.	1,082	52	29	21,503	6	1,360	52			121	130	66			29	2						410		2		671	24,782	
XV.	Political economy	320	2	183	7,352	65	98				24	17	2														1,572	9,130	
XVI.	Jurisprudence	702	13	14	8,755	3	367	14			63	28	2				101			2,819				40			44	12,176	
XVII.	Medical science	1,103	19	42	22,475	3	75	23			5	27	5			4							39				214	22,870	
XVIII.	Natural history and science	740	13	14	16,547	15	170	1			32	89	31											103			19	17,007	
XIX.	Mathematics, physical science, etc.	911	25	2	21,009	4,129	136	25			63	48	2		19	1			1								44	25,477	
XX.	Industrial arts, etc.	603	23	6	14,447	9	13				36	16	59			5	1	4									46	14,946	
XXI.	Fine arts	1,204	25	1	18,151		30	1	129	14	43	400								8,180		32	233	1				27,234	
XXII.	Bound volumes of miscellaneous pamphlets			1	-1	13		1			84	10				50									1			138	
XXIII.	Bound volumes of manuscripts	5			106	6					25		46	93				1				150						439	
XXIV.	Shakespeare							1					3,222															3,223	
XXV.	Books for the blind				559																							559	
XXVI.	Stack 4 and Y	1,908	1,792	2,131	43,248																							43,248	
XXVII.	Duplicate room	7,494	600		22,029																							24,029	
XXVIII.	Deposit collection	2,545	117		5,273																							5,273	
	Totals	30,173	3,105	3,240	498,901	6,439	15,565	2,049	129	6,224	15,433	5,386	669	603	422	7,045	681	711	2,819	8,181	1,190	1,389	691	600	5,397	329	3,382	579,653	

EXPLANATION. — Class III. includes general history, etc., when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

Class VIII. includes also Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian nations.

Class XIV. includes political science and ethics, education, etc.

Class XIX. includes mechanics, military and naval arts, etc.

Class XXIV. does not include the Shakespeare collection of the general library.

Class XXVI. contains the former "Lower Hall" collection, which has a different classification.

† Framed.

NOTE. — The dates given in the special libraries column show the year when these collections were acquired by the Library.

	1882.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
Patent library	3,142	4,269	4,335	4,551	5,531	5,733	5,971	6,287	6,696	7,045
Bowditch library.....	3,224	5,509	5,626	5,717	6,003	6,077	6,192	6,279	6,349	6,439
Parker library.....	12,363	14,116	14,116	14,116	13,819	13,820	13,845	13,848	13,854	13,865
Prince library	2,274	2,953	3,000	3,025	2,045	2,045	2,045	2,045	2,047	2,049
Tieknor library.....	5,463	5,981	6,016	6,096	6,086	6,149	6,165	6,172	6,209	6,224
Barton library.....	13,487	13,740	13,764	13,775	13,624	13,627	213,491	13,491	13,491	13,493
Franklin library.....	240	465	482	499	565	578	582	591	598	603
Thayer library.....	893	1,500	3,984	5,269	5,383	5,384	5,385	5,385	5,388	5,386
John A. Lewis library.....	.....	596	617	621	679	679	679	679	681	681
Gilbert library.....	.....	420	430	420	422	422	422	422	422	422
Tosti library (1869, 129 vols.).....	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	129
Hunt library (1877, 669 vols.).....	639	639	639	639	639	639	639	639	639	639
John Adams library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,819	2,819	2,819	2,819	2,819	2,819
Allen A. Brown library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,382	6,390	7,671	7,745	7,874	8,181
Chamberlain library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	150	150	150	150	150
Military library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	308	315	321	595	668	711
U. S. Congressional docs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,629	3,763	3,884	4,043	4,187
Gr. Br. Parl. papers .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,476	6,584	6,696	6,702	6,910
Galatea library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,181	1,389
Codman library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	696	699
Artz library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	621	690
Newspaper room.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,559	5,397
Browning collection.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	328	329
Statistical department.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	343	3,382

¹ Actual enumeration of original Prince library. Account is now made elsewhere of additions purchased by the city for this collection.

² There has been no loss in the Barton library, but a correction of an error of 136 previously made.

APPENDIX V.

CLASSIFICATION.

BRANCH LIBRARIES.

[This table is omitted from this year's report, owing to the reclassification now in process and uncompleted in the Branches.]

APPENDIX VI.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Statistical Report, February 1, 1899, to January 31, 1900.

DIVISIONS.	Live Cards Feb. 1, 1899.	CARDS ISSUED FEBRUARY 1, 1899—JANUARY 31, 1900.												Total Number Cards Out.	Expired (issued un- der two-year limit).	Live Cards Jan. 31, 1900.	Gain for Year. (+ Loss).	Lost Cards replaced.		Filled Cards re- placed, etc.	
		RE-REGISTRATIONS.				NEW REGISTRATIONS.				RENEWALS.											
		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.						Paid for.	After delay.		
		Over 21.	Under 21.	Over 21.	Under 21.	Over 21.	Under 21.	Over 21.	Under 21.	Over 21.	Under 21.	Over 21.	Under 21.								
Central Library	31,167	952	151	1,090	94	2,940	710	2,409	449	1,133	229	1,360	166	41,890	17,187	24,703	+ 6,464	335	365	8,366	
Brighton branch	1,426	17	17	31	31	20	49	57	68	26	21	45	32	1,849	799	1,050	+ 376	11	73	592	
Charlestown branch	3,152	42	34	63	32	98	220	123	224	35	60	58	34	4,175	1,662	2,513	+ 639	21	69	1,596	
Dorchester branch	2,807	33	35	71	38	61	161	94	152	28	61	75	56	3,672	1,556	2,116	+ 691	8	164	759	
East Boston branch	3,810	24	38	44	25	103	278	138	318	25	76	67	88	5,034	2,049	2,985	+ 823	30	229	1,630	
Jamaica Plain branch	3,256	22	28	82	21	34	116	89	139	25	44	55	52	3,963	1,784	2,179	+ 1,077	13	147	717	
Roxbury branch	5,003	43	49	86	72	68	246	140	324	44	80	113	118	6,386	2,715	3,671	+ 1,331	22	228	1,268	
South Boston branch	4,604	62	69	109	61	109	408	132	317	65	112	108	88	6,244	2,546	3,698	+ 906	23	297	3,151	
South End branch	2,506	41	22	99	23	115	160	250	61	33	46	83	19	3,458	1,302	2,096	+ 500	6	84	2,022	
West End branch	3,981	45	38	50	52	269	355	182	343	60	41	78	52	5,546	2,065	3,481	+ 500	7	202	2,156	
West Roxbury branch	679	19	12	61	9	17	30	51	33	21	14	42	13	1,001	184	817	138	8	57	345	
Station A	226	8	5	20	8	12	25	27	32	13	3	26	7	412	37	375	149	.....	12	169
" B	488	11	8	20	10	29	63	62	68	15	10	38	19	841	140	701	213	1	45	401	
" D	368	6	5	8	9	17	6	26	19	13	4	15	6	592	76	426	58	.....	11	117
" E	342	3	5	11	1	25	17	29	23	4	1	14	5	380	42	338	96	.....	25	194
" F	490	12	8	22	8	41	59	69	61	11	11	29	12	833	165	728	238	.....	32	266
" G	693	3	8	11	12	74	82	97	80	13	24	21	19	1,137	134	1,003	310	.....	67	297
" H	373	9	5	36	10	39	43	82	41	19	10	39	8	714	69	645	272	.....	32	235
" J	414	7	2	6	3	34	43	86	44	6	15	37	8	705	78	627	213	.....	43	313
" K	245	2	2	8	6	9	17	35	25	8	5	12	1	375	20	355	110	.....	32	170
" L	275	.....	4	.....	10	11	28	15	41	.....	9	1	10	492	58	344	69	.....	38	121
" M	359	4	8	10	12	28	47	37	40	8	13	11	13	590	34	556	197	.....	47	244
" N	553	9	1	23	10	32	75	82	66	2	10	9	8	880	108	772	219	.....	54	400
" P	1,320	6	26	8	21	160	153	66	105	24	27	20	25	1,961	161	1,800	480	1	161	689	
" Q	640	12	10	52	10	44	65	96	41	27	10	68	12	1,087	187	900	260	1	77	352	
" R	862	13	8	32	9	73	84	150	100	21	20	49	19	1,440	255	1,185	323	1	135	533	
" S	1,164	10	24	8	30	51	153	51	150	10	27	14	32	1,724	100	1,624	460	.....	96	444
" T	706	6	6	10	10	59	57	82	56	18	16	17	11	1,054	67	987	281	2	73	345	
" U	136	2	2	7	7	56	42	108	64	8	3	17	7	459	5	454	318	1	41	319	
" W .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	18	3	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	64	.....	64	.....	11	20
Totals	72,005	1,423	630	2,078	644	3,734	3,750	4,866	3,508	1,715	1,062	2,461	953	18,769	35,066	63,163	+ 8,542	491	2,947	27,791	

CLASSIFICATION OF HOLDERS OF "LIVE CARDS"

JANUARY 31, 1900.

BY SEX AND OCCUPATION.

CLASSES.	ORDINARY.		Special cards.
	Permanent residents.	¹ Non-residents.	
MALES.			
<i>Over 21 years of age.</i>			
Professional classes	2,421	89	260
Teachers	356	106	23
Students.....	1,012	832	—
Business men.....	7,237	83	27
Unemployed.....	1,628	204	—
Laborers	425	—	—
<i>Under 21 years of age.</i>			
Clerks	1,164	19	—
Office and errand boys.....	481	—	—
Unemployed	306	—	—
Pupils of Latin and High schools .. .	807	12	—
Pupils of Grammar schools.....	8,048	3	—
Pupils of Grammar schools under 12 years.....	403	—	—
Other students.....	309	35	—
FEMALES.			
<i>Over 21 years of age.</i>			
Professional classes	241	50	180
Teachers.....	1,542	104	32
Students.....	820	919	—
Business women.....	4,208	80	—
Married.....	7,862	53	—
Single, unemployed.....	7,457	356	8
<i>Under 21 years of age.</i>			
Clerks.....	1,359	72	—
Errand girls.....	342	—	—
Unemployed	1,437	14	—
Pupils of Latin and High schools.....	1,156	9	—
Pupils of Grammar schools.....	8,263	5	—
Pupils of Grammar schools under 12 years... ..	516	—	—
Other students.....	286	32	—
Totals.....	60,086	3,077	530

¹ Including persons temporarily sojourning in Boston.

N.B. — Of the 2,051 teachers' cards issued prior to February 1, 1900, 763 are live cards; of these, 608 are held by permanent residents, in addition to their ordinary cards (not included in permanent residents' column above), and 155 are held by non-residents (which are included in non-residents' column above).

BY WARDS.

Ward No.	No. of card-holders	Population, census of '95.	Percentage of card-holders.	Ward No.	No. of card-holders	Population, census of '95.	Percentage of card-holders.
1..	1,439	21,007	.0685	14...	1,801	19,186	.0938
2..	986	21,588	.0456	15...	1,308	18,623	.0702
3..	1,016	13,943	.0728	16...	1,527	16,320	.0935
4..	616	13,375	.0460	17...	1,353	21,114	.0640
5..	813	12,986	.0626	18...	1,858	21,679	.0857
6..	1,146	27,860	.0411	19...	2,013	22,372	.0899
7..	1,522	16,973	.0896	20...	3,911	21,528	.1816
8..	4,023	23,130	.1739	21...	4,260	19,274	.2210
9..	2,965	23,174	.1279	22...	2,888	22,289	.1295
10..	8,409	22,554	.3728	23...	2,609	18,283	.1427
11..	4,266	19,930	.2140	24...	3,409	18,240	.1868
12..	4,871	21,591	.2256	25...	2,698	15,001	.1795
13..	1,461	24,900	.0586	Total	63,163	496,920	.1271

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND PUPILS.

January 31, 1899.

GENERAL SCHOOLS.	Number of schools.	NUMBER OF REGULAR TEACHERS.			Average number of pupils belonging.
		Men.	Women.	Total.	
Normal.....	1	2	9	11	314
Latin and High.....	11	83	91	174	5,400
Grammar	57	121	696	817	33,059
Primary	565	.....	565	565	29,666
Kindergartens.....	67	.....	134	134	3,807
Totals	703	206	1,495	1,701	77,246
SPECIAL SCHOOLS.					
Horace Mann.....	1	.....	.....	13	116
Spectacle Island.....	1	.....	.....	1	16
Evening High.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central .....	.....	.....	.....	28	1,815
Charlestown Branch.....	.....	.....	.....	7	235
East Boston Branch.....	.....	.....	.....	6	127
Totals.....	3	.....	.....	55	2,309
Special teachers (not included above), .....	.....	20	94	114	.....
EVENING SCHOOLS.					
Elementary.....	12	.....	.....	144	2,887
Drawing.....	5	.....	.....	25	566
Totals.....	17	.....	.....	169	3,453
Grand total.....	723	226	1,589	2,039	83,008

APPENDIX VII.

CIRCULATION.
HOME USE ONLY.

	Total Circulation. Home Use.		From Central through Branches and Stations. Included in Central Library Circulation, "B."		From Branches through Stations. Included in Branch Circulation.	
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
Central Library.						
A., direct.....	330,008	328,917				
B., through branches and stations.....	92,841	102,070				
Brighton.....	36,217	36,017	909	515		
Charlestown.....	54,927	45,289	1,039	940		
Dorchester.....	55,768	52,654	729	754		
East Boston.....	60,435	58,967	1,693	2,127		
Jamaica Plain...	52,225	46,558	1,436	1,212		
Roxbury.....	86,023	80,422	760	719		
South Boston....	75,407	74,280	951	1,101		
South End.....	88,408	85,423	1,388	1,282		
West End.....	115,655	123,901	1,893	2,330		
West Roxbury...	22,376	22,649	1,932	1,664		
Station A.....	5,205	5,297	2,008	2,276	¹ 854	¹ 423
B.....	13,501	14,025	6,409	7,221	² 1,022	
D.....	2,702	3,851	3,649	3,441		
E.....	3,895	6,175	2,090	2,649	¹ 2,212	¹ 1,221
F.....	10,236	10,865	2,543	2,774		
G.....	9,041	9,675	4,567	4,589	³ 880	³ 458
H.....	7,410	8,072	3,667	4,374	¹ 2,063	¹ 1,720
J.....	8,886	8,430	3,979	4,849		
K.....	3,412	5,071	3,038	2,678		
L.....	3,914	3,748	1,862	2,186		
M.....	7,057	6,131	2,961	3,428		
N.....	9,946	10,247	5,215	4,162		
P.....	27,718	24,113	2,208	2,505		
Q.....	15,590	15,191	5,630	4,827		
Carried forward	1,235,204	1,224,641	79,374	82,971	9,009	6,107

APPENDIX VII.—*Concluded.*

	Total Circulation. Home Use.		From Central through Branches and Stations. Included in Central Library Circulation, "B."		From Branches through Stations. Included in Branch Circulation.	
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
<i>Brought forward</i>	1,235,204	1,224,641	79,374	82,971	9,009	6,107
Station R.....	11,873	13,642	7,743	8,965	¹ 1,974	⁴ 2,227
S.....	14,653	13,021	2,901	4,536	⁴ 4	
T.....	9,875	9,940	6,174	4,867		² 58
U.....	1,300	13,442	336	4,603		
W.....		2,255		3,331		
Bowdoin School.....		179				
Brighton High School.....	1,108	2,550				
Charles Sumner School	277	692				
Cottage Place....	1,281	1,447				
Deer Island.....		290				
House of Refor- mation.....	4,515	2,498		48		
Marcella-street Home.....	398					
North Bennet street.....	464	421				
Parental School.	1,047	1,573				
Rice Training School.....		707				
Roxbury High School... ..	248	548				
Sherwin School.....		298				
Back Bay P. O.				⁵ 225		
City Almshouse.....				⁵ 242		
Engine-houses ..			⁵ 6,300	⁵ 6,426		
Hancock School. ...			6,831	3,613		
Sand Gardens...				384		
Vacation Schools ..				227		
Total.....	1,245,842	1,251,541	92,841	102,070	9,009	6,107

¹ Included in Dorchester Branch Circulation.² " " Jamaica Plain " "³ " " Brighton " "⁴ " " Roxbury " "⁵ Number sent on deposit. Number used on premises not recorded.

APPENDIX VIII.

TRUSTEES FOR FORTY-EIGHT YEARS.

The Hon. Edward Everett was President of the Board from 1852 to 1864; George Ticknor in 1865; William W. Greenough, Esq., from 1866 to April, 1888; from May 7, 1888, to May 12, 1888, Prof. Henry W. Haynes; Samuel A. B. Abbott, Esq., May 12, 1888, to April 30, 1895; Hon. F. O. Prince, October 8, 1895, to May 8, 1899; Hon. Solomon Lincoln, since May 12, 1899.

The Board for 1852 was a preliminary organization; that for 1853 made what is called the first annual report. At first it consisted of one alderman and one common councilman and five citizens at large till 1867, when a revised ordinance made it to consist of one alderman, two common councilmen and six citizens at large, two of whom retired, unless reëlected, each year, while the members from the City Council were elected yearly. In 1878 the organization of the Board was changed to include one alderman, one councilman and five citizens at large, as before 1867; and in 1885, by the provisions of the amended city charter, the representation of the city government upon the Board, by an alderman and a councilman, was abolished, leaving the Board as at present, consisting of five citizens at large appointed by the Mayor.

Citizens at large in SMALL CAPITALS.

ABBOTT, SAMUEL A. B., 1879-95.	Coe, Henry F., 1878.
Allen, James B., 1852-53.	Crane, Samuel D., 1860-61.
APPLETON, THOMAS G., 1852-57.	CURTIS, DANIEL S., 1873-75.
Barnes, Joseph H., 1871-72.	Dennie, George, 1858-60.
BENTON, JOSIAH H., JR., 1894-99.	DE NORMANDIE, JAMES, 1895-99.
BIGELOW, JOHN P., 1852-68.	Dickinson, M. F., Jr., 1871-72.
BOWDITCH, HENRY I., 1865-68.	Drake, Henry A., 1863-64.
BOWDITCH, HENRY P., 1894-99.	DWIGHT, THOMAS, 1899.
Bradlee, John T., 1869-70.	Erving, Edward S., 1852.
Bradt, Herman D., 1872-3.	EVERETT, EDWARD, 1852-64.
Braman, Jarvis D., 1868-69.	Flynn, James J., 1883.
BRAMAN, JARVIS D., 1869-72.	Frost, Oliver, 1854-55; 1856-58.
Brown, J. Coffin Jones, 1861-62.	FROTHINGHAM, RICHARD, 1875-79.
Burditt, Charles A., 1873-76.	Gaffield, Thomas, 1867-68.
Carpenter, George O., 1870-71.	GREEN, SAMUEL A., 1868-78.
CARR, SAMUEL, 1895-96.	GREENOUGH, WILLIAM W., 1856-88.
CHASE, GEORGE B., 1876-85.	Guild, Curtis, 1876-77; 1878-79.
Clapp, William W., Jr., 1864-66.	Harris, William G., 1869-70.
Clark, John M., 1855-56.	Haynes, Henry W., 1858-59.
Clark, John T., 1873-78.	HAYNES, HENRY W., 1880-95.
CLARKE, JAMES FREEMAN, 1878-88.	HILLARD, GEORGE S., 1872-75; 1876-77.

- Howes, Osborne, Jr., 1877-78.
 Ingalls, Melville E., 1870-71.
 Jackson, Patrick T., 1864-65.
 Jenkins, Edward J., 1885.
 Keith, James M., 1868-70.
 Kimball, David P., 1874-76.
 Lawrence, James, 1852.
 Lee, John H., 1884-85.
 Lewis, Weston, 1867-68.
 LEWIS, WESTON, 1868-79.
 LEWIS, WINSLOW, 1867.
 LINCOLN, SOLOMON, 1897-99.
 Little, Samuel, 1871-73.
 Messinger, George W., 1855.
 Morse, Godfrey, 1883-84.
 MORTON, ELLIS W., 1870-73.
 Munroe, Abel B., 1854.
 Newton, Jeremiah L., 1867-68.
 Niles, Stephen R., 1870-71.
 O'Brien, Hugh, 1879-82.
 Pease, Frederick, 1872-73.
 Perkins, William E., 1873-74.
 Perry, Lyman, 1852.
 PIERCE, PHINEAS, 1888-94.
 Plummer, Farnham, 1856-57.
 Pope, Benjamin, 1876-77.
 Pope, Richard, 1877-78.
 Pratt, Charles E., 1880-82.
 PRINCE, FREDERICK O., 1888-99.
 PUTNAM, GEORGE, 1868-77.
 Reed, Samson, 1852-53.
 RICHARDS, WILLIAM R., 1889-95.
 Sanger, George P., 1860-61.
 Sears, Phillip H., 1859-60.
 Seaver, Benjamin, 1852.
 Shepard, Harvey N., 1878-79.
 SHURTLEFF, NATHANIEL B.,
 1852-68.
 Stebbins, Solomon B., 1882-83.
 Story, Joseph, 1855-56; 1865-67.
 THOMAS, BENJAMIN F., 1877-78.
 TICKNOR, GEORGE, 1852-66.
 Tyler, John S., 1863-64; 1866-67.
 WALKER, FRANCIS A., 1896.
 Warren, George W., 1852-54.
 Washburn, Frederick L., 1857-58.
 WHIPPLE, EDWIN P., 1868-70.
 Whitmore, William H., 1882-83.
 WHITMORE, WILLIAM H., 1885-88.
 Whitney, Charles V., 1883-85.
 Whitney, Daniel H., 1862-63.
 Wilson, Elisha T., 1861-63.
 Wilson, George, 1852.
 WINSOR, JUSTIN, 1867.
 Wolcott, Roger, 1879.
 Wright, Albert J., 1868-69.

LIBRARIANS.

1852 to date.

(From 1858 to 1877 the chief executive officer was entitled Superintendent.)

- CAPEN, EDWARD, *Librarian*, May 13, 1852-December 16, 1874.
 JEWETT, CHARLES C., *Superintendent*, 1858-January 9, 1868.
 WINSOR, JUSTIN, *Superintendent*, February 25, 1868-September 30, 1877.
 GREEN, DR. SAMUEL A., *Trustee, Acting Librarian*, October 1, 1877-September 30, 1878.
 CHAMBERLAIN, MELLEN, *Librarian*, October 1, 1878-September 30, 1890.
 DWIGHT, THEODORE F., *Librarian*, April 13, 1892-April 30, 1894.
 PUTNAM, HERBERT, *Librarian*, February 11, 1895-April 3, 1899.
 WHITNEY, JAMES L., *Acting Librarian*, March 31, 1899-December 21, 1899; *Librarian*, December 22, 1899.

APPENDIX IX.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES FOR FORTY-EIGHT YEARS.

The following have served on the Examining Committees for the years given. The names in *italics* are those of Trustees who have acted as chairmen of the various committees. The thirty-fourth year was from May 1 to December 31, 1885, a period of eight months, for which no Examining Committee was appointed.

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| Abbott, <i>Hon.</i> J. G., 1870. | Brown, Francis H., <i>M.D.</i> , 1899. |
| Abbott, S. A. B., 1880, 1894. | Browne, Alex. Porter, 1891. |
| Adams, Brooks, 1894. | Browne, Causten, 1876. |
| Adams, Nehemiah, <i>D.D.</i> , 1860. | Buckingham, C. E., <i>M.D.</i> , 1872. |
| Adams, Wm. T., 1875. | Burdett, Everett W., 1896, 1897. |
| Alger, <i>Rev.</i> Wm. R., 1870. | Burroughs, <i>Rev.</i> Henry, Jr., 1869. |
| Allen, <i>Hon.</i> Charles, 1899. | Byrne, <i>Very Rev.</i> William, 1899. |
| Amory, Miss Anna S., 1890, 1891. | Carr, Samuel, 1894. |
| Andrew, <i>Hon.</i> John F., 1888. | Carruth, Herbert S., 1892. |
| Andrews, Augustus, 1892, 1893. | Chadwick, James R., <i>M.D.</i> , 1877. |
| Appleton, <i>Hon.</i> Nathan, 1854. | Chamberlain, <i>Hon.</i> Mellen, 1894. |
| Apthorp, Wm. F., 1883, 1899. | Chaney, <i>Rev.</i> George L., 1868. |
| Arnold, Howard P., 1881. | Chase, George B., 1876. |
| Aspinwall, <i>Col.</i> Thomas, 1860. | <i>Chase, George B.</i> , 1877, 1885. |
| Attwood, G., 1877. | Cheever, David W., <i>M.D.</i> , 1894. |
| Bailey, Edwin C., 1861. | Cheever, Miss Helen, 1896, 1897. |
| Ball, Joshua D., 1861. | Cheney, Mrs. Ednah D., 1881. |
| Bancroft, Robert H., 1894. | <i>Clapp, William W., Jr.</i> , 1864. |
| Bangs, Edward, 1887. | Clarke, James Freeman, <i>D.D.</i> , 1877. |
| Barnard, James M., 1866. | <i>Clarke, James Freeman, D.D.</i> , 1882. |
| Barry, <i>Rev.</i> Richard J., 1895. | Clement, Edward H., 1894, 1895. |
| Bartlett, Sidney, 1869. | Coale, George O. G., 1892, 1893. |
| Bates, <i>Hon.</i> John L., 1896, 1897. | Collar, William C., 1874. |
| Beebe, James M., 1858. | Collins, <i>Hon.</i> Patrick A., 1898, |
| Beecher, <i>Rev.</i> Edward, 1854. | 1899. |
| Bent, Samuel Arthur, 1890, 1891. | Connolly, <i>Rev.</i> Arthur T., 1898, |
| Bigelow, Jacob, <i>M.D.</i> , 1857. | 1899. |
| <i>Bigelow, Hon. John P.</i> , 1856. | Corbett, <i>Hon.</i> Joseph J., 1896, |
| Blagden, George W., <i>D.D.</i> , 1856. | 1897. |
| Blake, J. Bapst, <i>M.D.</i> , 1897, 1898. | Cudworth, Warren H., <i>D.D.</i> , 1878. |
| Blake, John G., <i>M.D.</i> , 1883, 1891. | Curtis, Charles P., 1862. |
| Blake, Mrs. Mary E., 1894. | Curtis, Daniel S., 1872. |
| Bodfish, <i>Rev.</i> Joshua P., 1879, 1891. | Curtis, Thomas B., <i>M.D.</i> , 1874. |
| Bowditch, Alfred, 1899. | Cushing, Thomas, 1885. |
| Bowditch, Henry I., <i>M.D.</i> , 1855. | Dalton, Charles H., 1884. |
| <i>Bowditch Henry I., M.D.</i> , 1865. | Dana, Samuel T., 1857. |
| Bowditch, Henry P., <i>M.D.</i> , 1881. | Davis, James C., 1899. |
| Bowditch, J. Ingersoll, <i>LL.D.</i> , | Dean, Benjamin, 1873. |
| 1855. | Denny, Henry G., 1876. |
| Bowman, Alfonzo, 1867. | Derby, Hasket, <i>M.D.</i> , 1895, 1896. |
| Bowne, <i>Prof.</i> Borden P., 1896, 1897. | Dexter, <i>Rev.</i> Henry M., 1866. |
| Bradford, Charles F., 1868. | Dillingham, <i>Rev.</i> Pitt, 1886. |
| Bragg, <i>Hon.</i> Henry W., 1898, 1899. | Dix, James A., 1860. |
| Brewer, Thomas M., 1865. | Doherty, Phillip J., 1888. |
| Brimmer, <i>Hon.</i> Martin, 1890, 1891. | Donahoe, Patrick, 1869. |
| Brooks, <i>Rev.</i> Phillips, 1871. | Donald, <i>Rev.</i> E. Winchester, 1898, |
| Brown, Allen A., 1894. | 1899. |

- Donnelly, Charles F., 1899.
 Durant, Henry F., 1863.
 Duryea, Joseph T., *D.D.*, 1880.
 Dwight, John S., 1868.
 Dwight, Thomas, *M.D.*, 1880.
 Eastburn, Manton, *D.D.*, 1863.
 Eaton, William S., 1887.
 Edes, Henry H., 1886.
 Eliot, Samuel, *LL.D.*, 1868.
 Ellis, Arthur B., 1888, 1889.
 Ellis, Calvin, *M.D.*, 1871.
 Ellis, George E., *D.D.*, 1881.
 Endicott, William Jr., 1878.
 Ensworth, William H., *M.D.*, 1898, 1899.
 Ernst, Carl W., 1897, 1898.
 Evans, George W., 1887, 1888, 1889.
 Everett, Sidney, 1895.
 Fallon, *Hon.* Joseph D., 1899.
 Farlow, John W., *M.D.*, 1892, 1893.
 Field, *Miss* Gretchen, 1898.
 Field, Walbridge A., 1866.
 Fields, James T., 1872.
 Fitz, Reginald H., 1879.
 Fitz, Walter Scott, 1894.
 Foote, *Rev.* Henry W., 1864.
 Fowle, William F., 1864.
 Freeland, Charles W., 1867.
 Frost, Oliver, 1854.
 Frothingham, *Richard*, 1876.
 Furness, Horace Howard, *LL.D.*, 1882.
 Gannett, Ezra S., *D.D.*, 1855.
 Gargan, Thomas J., 1899.
 Garland, George M., *M.D.*, 1895, 1896.
 Gay, George H., 1876.
 Gilchrist, Daniel S., 1872.
 Gordon, George A., *D.D.*, 1885, 1899.
 Gould, A. A., *M.D.*, 1864.
 Grant, Robert, 1884.
 Gray, John C., *LL.D.*, 1877.
 Green, Samuel A., *M.D.*, 1868.
 Green, Samuel S., 1895.
 Greenough, William W., 1858, 1874, 1883, 1886.
 Grinnell, Charles E., 1874.
 Hale, *Rev.* Edward E., 1858.
 Hale, *Mrs.* George S., 1887, 1888.
 Hale, Moses L., 1862.
 Hale, Philip, 1893.
 Haskins, *Rev.* George F., 1865.
 Hassam, John T., 1885.
 Hayes, *Hon.* F. B., 1874.
 Haynes, Henry W., 1879.
 Haynes Henry W., 1881, 1884.
 Hayward, George, *M.D.*, 1863.
 Heard, John, Jr., 1888, 1889, 1891.
 Heard, John T., 1853.
 Hellier, Charles E., 1895.
 Hemenway, Alfred, 1898, 1899.
 Herford, Brooke, *D.D.*, 1884.
 Herrick, Samuel E., *D.D.*, 1888, 1889.
 Hersey, *Miss* Heloise E., 1895, 1896.
 Higginson, Francis L., 1899.
 Higginson, Thomas W., 1883.
 Hill, Clement Hugh, 1880.
 Hillard, *Hon.* George S., 1853.
 Hillard, *Hon.* George S., 1873.
 Hills, Thomas, 1898, 1899.
 Hodges, Richard M., *M.D.*, 1870.
 Holmes, Edward J., 1881, 1884.
 Holmes, Oliver W., *M.D.*, 1858.
 Holmes, Oliver W., Jr., *LL.D.*, 1882.
 Homans, Charles D., *M.D.*, 1867.
 Homans, *Mrs.* Charles D., 1885, 1886, 1887.
 Homer, George, 1870.
 Homer, Peter T., 1857.
 Horton, *Rev.* Edward A., 1899.
 Hubbard, James M., 1891.
 Hubbard, William J., 1858.
 Hudson, John E., 1895, 1896.
 Hunnewell, James F., 1880, 1893, 1894.
 Hutchins, *Miss* Emma, 1895, 1896.
 Hyde, George B., 1879.
 Irwin, *Miss* Agnes, 1894.
 Jeffries, B. Joy, *M.D.*, 1869.
 Jeffries, William A., 1893.
 Jenkins, Charles E., 1879.
 Jewell, *Hon.* Harvey, 1863.
 Jordan, Eben D., 1873.
 Kidder, Henry P., 1870.
 Kimball, *David P.*, 1874.
 Kimball, Henry H., 1865.
 Kirk, Edward N., *D.D.*, 1859.
 Lawrence, *Hon.* Abbott, 1853.
 Lawrence, Abbott, 1859.
 Lawrence, *Miss* Harriette S., 1890.
 Lawrence, James, 1855.
 Lee, *Miss* Alice, 1889, 1890, 1891.
 Lee, *Hon.* John H., 1897, 1898.
 Lewis, *Weston*, 1872, 1878.
 Lincoln, *Hon.* F. W., 1856.
 Lincoln, *Hon.* Solomon, 1886.
 Little, James L., 1864.
 Lombard, *Prof.* Josiah L., 1868.
 Loring, *Hon.* Charles G., 1855.
 Lothrop, Loring, 1866.
 Lowell, A. Lawrence, 1897, 1898.
 Lowell, Augustus, 1883.
 Lowell, Edward J., 1885.
 Lunt, *Hon.* George, 1874.
 Lyman, George H., *M.D.*, 1885.
 McCleary, Samuel F., 1890.
 McNulty, *Rev.* John J., 1896, 1897.
 Manning, *Rev.* Jacob M., 1861.
 Mason, *Rev.* Charles, 1857.
 Mason, *Miss* Ellen F., 1898, 1899.
 Mason, Frank S., 1899.
 Mason, Robert M., 1869.
 Maxwell, J. Audley, 1883.

- Metcalf, *Rev.* Theodore A., 1888, 1889.
 Minns, Thomas, 1864.
 Minot, Francis, 1866.
 Morison, *Miss* Mary, 1892, 1893, 1895.
 Morrill, Charles J., 1885.
 Morse, John T., Jr., 1879.
 Morse, Robert M., Jr., 1878.
 Morton, *Hon.* Ellis W., 1871.
 Mudge, *Hon.* E. R., 1871.
 Neale, Rollin H., *D.D.*, 1853.
 Noble, John, 1882, 1899.
 Norcross, Otis, 1880.
 O'Brien, *Hon.* Hugh, 1879.
 O'Callaghan, John J., 1895.
 O'Reilly, John Boyle, 1878.
 Otis, G. A., 1860.
 Paddock, *Rt. Rev.* Benj. H., 1876.
 Parker, Charles Henry, 1888, 1889.
 Parker, *Mrs.* William L., 1897, 1898.
 Parkman, Henry, 1885.
 Parks, *Rev.* Leighton, 1882, 1896, 1897.
 Perkins, Charles C., 1871.
 Perry, Thomas S., 1879, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1890, 1891.
 Phillips, John C., 1882.
 Phillips, Jonathan, 1854.
 Pierce, *Hon.* Henry L., 1891.
 Pingree, *Miss* Lalia B., 1894.
 Prescott, William H., *LL.D.*, 1853.
 Prince, *Hon.* F. O., 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1895, 1896.
 Putnam, *George*, *D.D.*, 1870.
 Putnam, *Hon.* John P., 1865.
 Putnam, William L., 1898, 1899.
 Randall, Charles M., *M.D.*, 1884.
 Reed, Henry R., 1899.
 Rice, *Hon.* Alexander H., 1860.
 Robbins, Elliott, *M.D.*, 1893.
 Roberts, *Rev.* W. Dewees, 1899.
 Roche, James Jeffrey, 1898, 1899.
 Rogers, *Prof.* William B., 1861.
 Rollins, J. Wingate, 1888, 1889.
 Ropes, John C., 1872.
 Rotch, Benjamin S., 1863.
 Runkle, *Prof.* J. D., 1882.
 Russell, Samuel H., 1880.
 Sampson, O. H., 1892, 1893.
 Sanger, *Hon.* George P., 1860.
 Searle, Charles P., 1898, 1899.
 Seaver, Edwin P., 1881.
 Shepard, *Hon.* Harvey N., 1888, 1889.
 Sherwin, *Mrs.* Thomas, 1893, 1894.
 Shurtleff, *Hon.* Nathaniel B., 1857.
 Smith, Azariah, 1895, 1896.
 Smith, Charles C., 1873.
 Smith, *Mrs.* Charles C., 1881, 1886.
 Smith, *Miss* Minna, 1892.
 Sowdon, A. J. C., 1892, 1893.
 Sprague, Charles J., 1859.
 Sprague, *Mrs.* Henry H., 1899.
 Sprague, Homer B., 1882.
 Stedman, C. Ellery, *M.D.*, 1888.
 Stevens, Oliver, 1858.
 Stevenson, *Hon.* J. Thomas, 1856.
 Stockwell, S. N., 1861.
 Stone, *Col.* Henry, 1885, 1886, 1887.
 Story, Joseph, 1856.
 Sullivan, Richard, 1883, 1884.
 Teele, John O., 1886.
 Thaxter, Adam W., 1855.
 Thayer, George A., 1875.
 Thayer, *Rev.* Thomas B., 1862.
 Thomas, B. F., *LL.D.*, 1875.
 Thomas, Seth J., 1856.
 Ticknor, *Miss* Anna E., 1891.
 Ticknor, *George*, *LL.D.*, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1859, 1863, 1866.
 Tillinghast, Caleb B., 1895, 1896.
 Tobey, *Hon.* Edward S., 1862.
 Todd, William C., 1894.
 Turner, *Miss* Frances H., 1899.
 Twombly, *Rev.* A. S., 1883, 1884.
 Upham, J. B., *M.D.*, 1865.
 Vibbert, *Rev.* Geo. H., 1873.
 Wadlin, Horace G., 1899.
 Wales, George W., 1875.
 Walley, *Hon.* Samuel H., 1862.
 Ward, *Rev.* Julius H., 1882.
 Ware, Charles E., *M.D.*, 1875.
 Ware, Darwin E., 1881.
 Ware, *Mrs.* Darwin E., 1899.
 Warner, Hermann J., 1867.
 Warren, *Hon.* Charles H., 1859.
 Warren, J. Collins, *M.D.*, 1878.
 Waterston, *Rev.* Robert C., 1867.
 Weissbein, Louis, 1893.
 Wells, *Mrs.* Kate G., 1877.
 Wendell, *Prof.* Barrett, 1895, 1896.
 Wharton, William F., 1886.
 Whipple, Edwin P., 1869.
 Whitmore, William H., 1887.
 Whitney, Daniel H., 1862.
 Whitney, Henry A., 1873.
 Wightman, *Hon.* Joseph M., 1859.
 Williams, Harold, *M.D.*, 1888, 1889, 1890.
 Williamson, William C., 1881.
 Williamson, *Mrs.* William C., 1897, 1898.
 Wilson, Elisha T., *M.D.*, 1861.
 Winsor, Justin, *LL.D.*, 1867.
 Winthrop, *Hon.* Robert C., 1854.
 Winthrop, Robert C., Jr., 1887.
 Wood, Frank, 1897, 1898.
 Woodbury, Charles Levi, 1871.
 Woolson, *Mrs.* Abba Gould, 1888, 1889.
 Wright, *Hon.* Carroll D., 1884.

APPENDIX X.

SCHEDULE OF LIBRARY SERVICE.

Note.— This has been brought down to April 30, 1900. The order is (1) by rank in grades, and (2) alphabetical, within each grade.

SUMMARY.

Central Library	167	Males	87	Females	80
Branches and Reading rooms	65	“	14	“	51
	<hr/> 232		<hr/> 101		<hr/> 131

Evening and Sunday service, Central Library, *80
 Sunday service, Branches, 11.

Extra assistance is employed at the branches.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Name.	Entered.	Grade.
Whitney, James L. . . .	1869	Librarian.
Fleischner, Otto	1891	Ass't Librarian.
† Mooney, George V. . . .	1889	B. Special.
Deery, D. Jean	1891	B. “
Learned, Lucie A. . . .	1891	B. “
Cellarius, Theodore W. . . .	1892	D. “
Hutchins, Fernald	1896	D. “
McFarland, Peter V. . . .	1896	D. “
Nichols, Adelaide A. . . .	1868	Auditor.
** Bicknell, Margaret M. . . .	1896	C. Special.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Hunt, Edward B.	1883	Chief.
¶ Swift, Lindsay	1878	A. Special.
Chevalier, Samuel A. . . .	1894	A. “
Murdoch, John	1896	A. “
Burnell, Carrie	1881	A.
Rollins, Mary H. . . .	1886	A.
Seaver, Mrs. Lillian F. . . .	1888	A.
Rice, Edwin F. . . .	1885	B. Special.
Tenney, Mary A. . . .	1897	B. “
Bartlett, Mary R. . . .	1897	B.
Cutler, Dora L. . . .	1887	B.
Gould, Ida W. . . .	1884	B.

* Serving from three to seven evenings a week each. The total number of positions is 37, evenings; 42, Sundays.

** Auditor's Assistant. † Custodian of Stock Room. ¶ Editor Library Publications.

Name.	Entered.	Grade.
Hemmings, Anita F. . . .	1897	B.
Leavitt, Luella K. . . .	1895	B.
Brennan, Thomas Francis . .	1890	C. Special.
Dolan, Charles W. . . .	1894	D.
Shaughnessy, John F. . . .	1898	D. Runner.

ORDERING DEPARTMENT.

Macurdy, Theodosia E. . . .	1889	Chief.
Coolidge, Marie	1893	B. Special.
Seemüller, Mary	1899	B. “
Frinsdorff, Emily O. . . .	1894	B.
Goddard, Mrs. Frances H. . .	1892	B.
McGrath, Mary A. . . .	1868	B.
Keleher, Alice A. . . .	1891	C.
Smith, Arthur E. F. . . .	1897	C.
St. Louis, Robert E. . . .	1897	D. Runner.

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Roffe, William G. T. . . .	1881	A. Div. 2.
Locke, John F. . . .	1894	B. Special.
Richmond, Bertha P. . . .	1895	B.
Connor, George H. . . .	1891	C. Special.
Eberhart, John	1894	C. “
Reardon, John H. . . .	1896	C. “
Caiger, Eliza F. A. . . .	1895	D.
Lucid, John F. . . .	1893	D.
Muckensturm, Matthew . . .	1899	D.
Shawno, Robert	1898	D.

BATES HALL.

Bierstadt, Oscar A. . . .	1899	Custodian.
† Blaisdell, Frank C. . . .	1876	A. Special.
Doyle, Agnes C. . . .	1885	B. “
Buckley, Pierce E. . . .	1891	B.
Barry, Edward F. . . .	1890	C. Special.
McCarthy, Michael, Jr. . . .	1892	C. “
Plunkett, Albert J. . . .	1895	D. Special.
Hannigan, Frank J. . . .	1898	D.
Zaugg, Otto E. . . .	1895	D.
McKenzie, Kenneth	1897	D. Runner.
Beck, Ernest M. . . .	1900	E.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.

Hitchcock, Grace A. . . .	1895	B. Special.
Whitney, Margaret D. . . .	1898	B. “
Chamberlain, Mrs. Marion L. .	1897	B.
Hall, Belle S. . . .	1895	B.

† In charge of Patent and Newspaper Departments.

Name.	Entered.	Grade.
Ward, Joseph W. . . .	1891	C. Special.
Cassidy, Margaret L. . . .	1895	D. "
Kelly, Charlotte H. . . .	1895	D. "
Doyle, Charles A. . . .	1899	D. Runner.
Maiers, William C., Jr. . . .	1897	D. "
Therrien, Clyde	1899	D. "

DOCUMENTS DEPARTMENT.

Ford, Worthington C. . . .	1898	Chief.
Lane, Lucius P. . . .	1898	B. Special.
Cutting, Grace M. . . .	1899	C. "

PERIODICAL ROOM.

Wendté, Frederika	1895	B.
Ford, Mary E. A. . . .	1895	D. Special.
Maguinness, James	1897	D.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Serex, Frederic	1895	B.
Keenan, Matthew T. . . .	1896	D. Special.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

McGuffey, Margaret D. . . .	1895	Chief.
*Sheffield, Mrs. Gertrude P. . . .	1896	B. Special.
Cutflin, M. Florence	1892	C. "
Sheridan, Mary C. . . .	1881	C. "
Desmond, Louise L. . . .	1895	C.
Richards, Florence F. . . .	1875	C.
Shumway, Marion H. . . .	1895	C.
Bertram, Lucy I. . . .	1895	D. Special.
Cunniff, Nellie L. . . .	1895	D. "
Dowling, S. Jennie	1895	D. "
McCarthy, Marion A. . . .	1895	D. "
Murphy, Annie G. . . .	1888	D. "
Reynolds, Mary A. . . .	1894	D. "
Schulz, Henry A. C. . . .	1898	D. "
Weichmann, Catherine A. . . .	1895	D. "
Connolly, Nelly L. . . .	1895	D.
Daly, Margaret C. . . .	1895	D.
Ethier, Lillian E. . . .	1895	D.
Gorman, John E. . . .	1895	D.
Kiernan, Letitia M. . . .	1895	D.
Lucid, Joseph A. . . .	1895	D.
Olson, Alplild	1895	D.
Olson, Bertha A. . . .	1895	D.
Shaughnessy, Mary A. . . .	1897	D.
Stetson, Nina M. . . .	1896	D.

* In charge of Juvenile Department.

Name.	Entered.	Grade.
Williams, Grace . . .	1895	D.
Zaugg, Joanna . . .	1895	D.
Barry, Margaret M. . .	1897	D. Runner.
Bryce, Jean M. . . .	1898	D. “
Cole, Grace E. . . .	1897	D. “
Day, Josephine E. . .	1899	D. “
Gorman, Annie L. . .	1899	D. “
Hagerty, Mary E. . .	1897	D. “
Hersey, Edna M. . . .	1898	D. “
McKiernan, John L. . .	1896	D. “
McSweeney, M. Agnes .	1897	D. “
Schnabel, Paul J. . .	1898	D. “
Hogan, C. Thomas . .	1899	E.
Williams, Eleanor M. .	1899	E.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT, BRANCH DIVISION.

Ward, Langdon L. . . .	1896	Supervisor of Branches and Delivery Stations.
Kueffner, Cecilia W. . .	1898	B.
Stevens, Alice V. . . .	1899	B.
Heimann, Otto A. . . .	1890	C. Special.
Morse, Mand M. . . .	1877	C. “
Bollig, Emma	1898	C.
Maier, Joseph A. . . .	1892	D. Special.
Brown, Richard	1898	D.
Conroy, Michael J. . . .	1897	D. Runner.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Keenan, John J. . . .	1885	B. Special.
Murray, Ella K. . . .	1886	C.
Shelton, Richard B. . .	1895	D. Special.
Fillebrown, Emily F. . .	1895	D.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

	Position.
Lee, Francis W. . . .	Chief.
Geyer, Willfried H. . .	Pressman.
Greeley, Carrie P. . . .	Compositor.
Land, Annie F. . . .	“
O’Keefe, Charles J. . .	Job pressman.

BINDERY.

Ryder, Frank	1883	Foreman.
Collins, Dennis J . . .	1887	Finisher.
Fuerst, Alexander . . .	1896	Forwarder.
Hoeffner, George . . .	1891	“
Ivory, John W. . . .	1893	“
Löfström, Konrad A. . .	1892	“
Murphy, John F. . . .	1883	“

Name.	Entered.	Position.
Ochs, Alfred G. . . .	1900	Forwarder.
Sullivan, J. Henry . . .	1898	"
Hemstedt, William P. . .	1883	Pressman.
Bowen, Mrs. Sarah E. . .	1876	Sewer.
Doiron, Joanna	1896	"
Kiley, Margaret J. . . .	1889	"
Moriarty, Mary G. . . .	1875	"
Nolen, Sarah	1891	"
Potts, Ellen F.	1892	"
Soule, Ellen E.	1891	"

ENGINEER AND JANITOR DEPARTMENT.

Niederaner, Henry . . .	1894	Chief Engineer.
McCready, Alexander . .	1895	Engineer.
Malone, John P.	1895	"
O'Neill, Harry	1896	"
Zittel, George, Jr. . . .	1891	"
Herland, Nils J.	1895	Fireman.
Moran, John A.	1894	"
Karlson, Charles W. . . .	1896	Book Motors.
* Williams, John L. . . .	1886	Janitor.
Frye, Henry W.	1898	Janitor.
Kelley, James J.	1900	"
McCarty, Dennis	1888	Watchman.
McGee, Alexander D. . . .	1896	Painter.
Lawrence, John A.	1898	Carpenter.
Hanna, William T.	1895	Marble polisher.
Chavies, Samuel H.	1899	Elevator and Coat-room attendants.
Cole, William E.	1898	
Thomas, Arthur C.	1898	

EAST BOSTON BRANCH.

		Grade.
Walkley, Ellen O.	1897	B. Special.
Brackett, Marian W. . . .	1897	C.
Wing, Alice M.	1873	C.
Bickford, Lillian A. . . .	1891	D.
Matthews, Everett F. . . .	1899	Janitor.
Taylor, Charles F.	1897	"

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

Bullard, N. Josephine . . .	1883	B. Special.
Eaton, Ellen A.	1873	C.
Sampson, Idalene L.	1878	C.
McQuarrie, Annie C. . . .	1894	D.
Orcutt, Alice B.	1887	D.
Sumner, Alice F.	1897	D.
Baker, Joseph	1872	Janitor.

*Charge of book motors, evenings.

ROXBURY BRANCH.

Name.	Entered.	Grade.
Bell, Helen M.	1878	B. Special.
Berry, Martha L. C.	1883	C.
Puffer, Dorothy	1878	C.
Griggs, Sarah W.	1886	D.
Lynch, Gertrude A.	1894	D.
Monahan, William	1883	Janitor.

CHARLESTOWN BRANCH.

Cartée, Elizabeth F.	1886	B. Special.
Livermore, Mrs. Susan E.	1885	C.
Reagen, Elizabeth R.	1895	C.
Donovan, Annie M.	1899	D.
O'Neill, Margaret M.	1892	D.
Rogan, Katharine S.	1896	D.
Smith, Thomas E.	1874	Janitor.

BRIGHTON BRANCH.

Hobart, Martha N.	1896	B. Special.
Conley, Ellen F.	1891	C.
Dale, M. Florence	1895	C.
Warren, Edward A.	1898	Janitor.

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

Reed, Mrs. Elizabeth T.	1873	B. Special.
Griffith, Mary E.	1886	C.
Donovan, Mary G.	1891	C.
Brick, Mary L.	1899	D.
Kellogg, Grace E.	1898	D.
Davenport, Edward	1875	Janitor.

SOUTH END BRANCH.

Sheridan, Margaret A.	1875	B. Special.
McKirdy, Alice E.	1896	C.
Lynch, Emma F.	1885	C.
Meehan, Margaret F.	1893	D.
Mulloney, William J.	1892	D.

JAMAICA PLAIN BRANCH.

Swain, Mary P.	1877	B. Special.
Riley, Nellie F.	1878	C.
Albert, Katie F.	1892	C.
Kenney, Thomas W.	1897	Janitor.

WEST END BRANCH.

Davis, Mrs. Eliza R.	1877	B. Special.
Barton, Margaret S.	1885	C.
Forbes, George W.	1896	C.

Name.	Entered.	Grade.
Kiley, Mary E.	1896	C.
Mooney, Katharine G.	1885	C.
Millmeister, Rebecca	1899	D.
Riley, Mary E.	1891	D.
Kelly, William D.	1898	D. Runner.
Sullivan, Daniel J.	1898	Janitor.

WEST ROXBURY BRANCH.

Morse, Carrie L.	1890	B.
Henderson, Irene E.	1898	E.
Woods, Eugene B.	1898	Janitor.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Station.	Custodian.	Grade.
A. Lower Mills Reading-room	Hill, M. Addie	D. Special.
B. Roslindale Delivery Station	Davis, William W.	
C. West Roxbury Branch	See above.	
D. Mattapan Reading-room	Capewell, Mrs. Emma G.,	D. Special.
E. Neponset Delivery Station	Barnes, Charles D.	
F. Mt. Bowdoin Reading-room	Fairbrother, Mrs. Eliz. G.,	D. Special.
G. Allston Delivery Station	Howe, W. A. & Co.	
H. Ashmont Delivery Station	Weymouth, Clara E.	
J. Dorchester Sta. Delivery Sta.	Sexton, Mrs. Annie M.	
K. Bird-street Delivery Station	Morris, Antoinette.	
L. No. Brighton Reading-room	Muldoon, Katherine F.,	D. Special.
M. Crescent-ave. Delivery Station, Smith Brothers.		
N. Blue Hill-ave. Delivery Station, Riker, Mrs. S. A.		
P. B'way Extension Delivery Sta., { Stewart, Cora L.		D. Special.
	{ Myer, Benjamin	D.
Q. Upham's Corner Delivery Sta.,	Rolland, Ezra N.	
R. Warren-st. Delivery Station	Smith, H. De Forrest.	
S. Roxbury-Crossing Delivery Sta.,	Yeaton, E. Christine	D. Special.
T. Boylston Delivery Station	Locke, Joseph B.	
U. Ward 9 Delivery Station	McGrath, Amelia F.	C.
W. Industrial School Delivery Sta.,	Guerrier, Edith.	

EVENING AND SUNDAY SERVICE.

Central Library.

Bates Hall. — Officers in Charge: Samuel A. Chevalier, Otto Fleischner, Edward B. Hunt, Lindsay Swift. Assistants: William G. T. Roffe, William A. Walsh. Central Desk: Pierce E. Buckley, John H. Reardon, David L. Williams. Care of Reference Books: Frank J. Hannigan, Charles A. Hardy, Albert E. Heimann, Albert J. Plunkett. Collectors of Slips: Harold Clarke, John A. Pearson, Paul J. Schmabel. Runners: William McQuarrie, Frank T. Sullivan, John J. Sullivan.

Issue Department. — Officers in Charge: Frank C. Blaisdell, Pierce E. Buckley, Samuel A. Chevalier. Receiver of Books: Fred W. Blaisdell. Deliverers of Books: John F. Conners,

John A. Hughes, John H. Reardon. Care of Indicator: Walter T. Hannigan. Assistants at Indicator: Fred A. Beckford, Ulysses S. G. Currier, Louis W. Roett. Care of Slips: Daniel J. Ford, Albert E. Heimann, Otto A. Heimann. Desk Attendants: Daniel J. Ford, Frank J. Hannigan. Care of Tubes: Charles D. Campbell, John E. Gorman, John F. Lucid, Joseph A. Maier. Care of Carriers: Fred A. Beckford, John H. Glover, John F. Lucid, James A. Pitts. Book-case Attendants: Bergan A. Mackinnon, John A. Pearson, Louis W. Roett, Robert E. St. Louis. Runners: Charles W. Annable, Edwin F. A. Benson, Claude P. Brown, Richard Brown, Henry W. Buhler, Timothy J. Conners, Michael J. Conroy, Charles A. Doyle, Daniel J. Ford, John H. Glover, Charles A. Hardy, Albert E. Heimann, Lucius S. Hicks, Thomas F. Hughes, John F. Lucid, Joseph A. Lucid, Peter V. McFarland, Kenneth McKenzie, Joseph A. Maier, D. Clifford Martin, Matthew Muckensturm, Joseph A. Murphy, Morris J. Rosenberg, Nelson G. Trueman, Waldo W. Weller, Otto E. Zaugg. Juvenile Library Attendants: Belle S. Hall, Charlotte H. Kelly, Mand M. Morse, Marion L. Owen. Extra Attendants: Edwin F. A. Benson, Charles D. Campbell.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES. — *In charge of Barton Library:* Francis W. Lee, Edward Tiffany. Assistants: John L. McKiernan, William C. Maiers, James A. Pitts, Clyde Therrien. In Charge Fine Arts Department: Frank A. Bourne, William A. Walsh. Assistants: William C. Maiers, Arthur E. F. Smith, Joseph W. Ward. Extra Assistants: John H. Glover, John L. McKiernan, Robert Shawno, Waldo W. Weller.

Newspaper Room. — Thomas F. Brennan, George H. Connor, Albert J. Plunkett. Newspaper Files: Kenneth McKenzie, James L. Maguinness, Harry F. Mayer.

Patent Room. — Matthew T. Keenan, Frederic Serex.

Periodical Room. — John F. Conners, Albert J. Plunkett.

Registration Desk. — William E. Fallon, John J. Keenan.

Replacement of Books. — Edward F. Barry, Michael McCarthy, Jr.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

* *Branch Libraries. November 1 to May 1.*

Charlestown Branch, 2 to 10 P.M. — In Charge: Bergan A. Mackinnon, Joseph P. Teaffe. Janitor: Thomas Smith.

East Boston Branch, 2 to 10 P.M. — In Charge of Issue Desk: Edwin L. Drowne. In Charge of Reading-room: Alexander Miller. Janitor: Charles F. Taylor.

* With the exception of the West End Branch, which is open Sundays throughout the year; here, certain members of the regular week-day force serve Sundays, their compensation being for seven days per week.

South Boston Branch, 2 to 10 P.M. — In Charge: Alice B. Orcutt, Joseph Baker. Janitor: Thomas Saunders.

Station P, 2 to 6 P.M., 7 to 9 P.M. — In Charge: Irving Herr.

Station S, 2 to 6 P.M., 7 to 9 P.M. — In Charge: Joanna Zaugg.

APPENDIX XI.

GIVERS AND AMOUNTS OF GIFTS.

The following list of givers and amounts of gifts for the past year has been prepared by the Chief of the Ordering Department :

	1898-1899.	1899-1900.
Givers	1,946	2,392
Volumes	11,245	13,310
Numbers	15,560	18,682
Photographs, engravings, etc.	309	1,644
Newspaper subscriptions. (Gift of the publishers)	69	97

Among the gifts of the year the following may be especially mentioned :

From Miss Isabelle Batchelder, Cambridge, 21 volumes for the Galatea collection, including Ségur's *Les femmes, leur condition et leur influence dans l'ordre social*, in 3 volumes.

From Miss Helen Blackburn, London, England, 46 volumes on the Rights and duties of women. For the Galatea collection.

From the estate of the late George W. Bond, 165 volumes and 88 pamphlets, treating of sheep, wool and allied subjects.

From the Boston Browning society, 27 volumes, for the Browning collection.

From the Boston City hospital, 109 volumes and 3 pamphlets.

From the Boston Young Men's Christian Association, 57 volumes; among them 23 writings on university extension.

From Miss Olivia Y. Bowditch, the electrotype plates used in Nathaniel Bowditch's translation of La Place's *Mécanique Céleste*, published in Boston, 1829-39, in 4 volumes.

From Charles P. Bowditch, his work in collaboration with Harrison Ellery, on the Pickering genealogy, in 3 volumes, privately printed, 1897; also Additions to his Genealogy of the descendants of John and Sarah Burwell Pickering of Salem.

From the British Museum, 11 volumes, including the catalogue of music accessions, Pts. 1-10, etc., 1899.

From Allen A. Brown, 533 volumes, of which 315 were for the Music collection, and included the engraved full score of Bizet's *Carmen*. This score was purchased recently by Mr. Brown in Vienna at a cost of 400 marks.

From the Compagnie Nouvelle du Canal de Panama, through M. X. Boyard, New York City, Compagnie Nouvelle du Canal

de Panama, notes techniques, Texte et atlas; Rapport présenté au Conseil d'administration, etc., 1899; Rapport de la Commission, Paris, 1899.

From the Right Hon. Earl Cowper, through Mr. Henry White of the American Embassy, *Cartularium Monasterii Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Colecestria*, from the original manuscript in the possession of Earl Cowper, who had this book printed for the Roxburghe Club, 2 volumes, London, 1897.

From Rev. Francis X. Dolan and Rev. Thomas J. McCormack, 79 volumes for Station U.

From Edgar Conway Felton, President of the Pennsylvania Steel Works at Steelton, Pa., a volume entitled *Reason why, not anabaptist plunging but infant-believer's baptism ought to be approved*, by Joseph Low (Boston, 1710). This book was once in the Prince Library.

From George B. Dorr, 62 volumes, including Lanzi's *Storia pittorica della Italia*, in 6 volumes.

From James W. Dunphy, the sum of \$137.74, with which were purchased one hundred volumes of Roman Catholic literature.

From Charles W. Folsom, Cambridge, 22 volumes, chiefly military works, for the collection of the Twentieth Regiment Association, M.V.I.

From Francis J. Garrison, *The Perfectionist*, Vols. 1 and 2, 1834-5; *Cradle of liberty*, Vol. 1, 1839-40; *Non-Resistant*, Vol. 1, 1839. (These volumes are of great rarity.)

From the family of the late William Lloyd Garrison, 303 volumes, chiefly on anti-slavery, 11 packages of letters (manuscripts); the Records of the New England Anti-slavery society, founded in Boston, 1832, in manuscript; weekly contribution box of the American Anti-slavery society; editorial in type of the Emancipation proclamation; medals; daguerreotypes of abolitionists.

From the Patent Office of Germany, 6,254 numbers of the *Patentschriften*.

From the Commissioner of Patents of Great Britain, 289 volumes of British patents.

From Henry Copley Greene, the *Works of Balzac*, in 18 volumes.

From the estate of the late William W. Greenough, through Charles P. Greenough, executor, 195 volumes, 22 maps, 207 miscellaneous pamphlets and 46 numbers of periodicals. These include his *Annals*, in manuscript, of the Boston Public Library from its inception to 1891, and reports, minutes, etc., of meetings of the Trustees and Superintendent from 1858-1865, in manuscript. Also many Library reports, catalogues, bulletins, etc., some of which contain manuscript notes by Mr. Greenough. A framed portrait of Mr. Greenough accompanied the gift.

From Rev. Edward H. Hall, Brookline, 458 volumes of theological and educational works.

From Augustus Hemenway, 46 mounted photographs in two

volumes, illustrating the Rise and progress of Greek and Roman art. (Bought with Mr. Hemenway's gift of \$200.)

From Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, 137 volumes for the Galatea collection.

From Godfrey Michael Hyams, 3,539 volumes, bought at the Montaignon sale with the sum of \$1,000, given expressly for this purpose. The selection and purchase were made by the Library, and consisted of works on the fine arts. Among these books were La Collection Spitzer, Antiquité, Moyen-Age, Renaissance, 338 plates, principally in colors, heliogravures and 800 wood-cuts in the text, 6 volumes, folio; Ausgewählte Kunstwerke aus dem Schatze der Reichen Capelle in der Königlichen Residenz zu München, 40 large lithographic plates in gold and colors, folio, München, 1874; Beaumont, Ed. de. L'Épée et les Femmes, Cinq dessins de Meissonier, Paris, 1881 (100 copies printed); Oeuvres de Bernard Palissy, revues sur les exemplaires de la Bibliothèque du roi, avec des notes, par Faujas de Saint Fond et Gobet, Paris, 1777; also 235 volumes relating to the Paris Salon.

From the Secretary of State for India, The plague in India, 1896 and 1897, compiled by R. Nathan, Simla, in 4 volumes.

From William F. Jackson, Concord, Mass., 28 parcels of theatre and concert programmes of the old National Theatre, Globe Theatre, Boston Theatre and Museum, etc.

From Dr. B. Joy Jeffries, 432 volumes, largely on medical subjects.

From Mrs. Adolph Kielblock, 176 volumes relating to music, and including Schumann's Fantasiestücke für das Pianoforte, and the Allgemeine Musikalische Zeitung in 18 volumes.

From George B. Knapp, in memory of his brother, Arthur Mason Knapp, 114 medals and coins, American and foreign.

From the Duc de Loubat, Codex Telleriano-Remensis, Manuscrit Mexicain du Cabinet de H. Le Tellier, Archevêque de Reims, à la Bibliothèque Nationale, reproduite en photochromographie au frais du Duc de Loubat; Códice Cospiano, and Manuscritto pictórico de los antiguos nauas conserva en la Biblioteca de la Univ. de Bologna reproducido en fotocromografía a expensas de Duque de Loubat.

From Frank S. Mason, 693 volumes, dealing chiefly with religion and education.

From Louis Prang, a collection of all the proofs used in connection with his business, in 29 portfolios, which contain designs for menus, album cards, figures, flowers, landscapes, designs for monuments, Yellowstone National Park, Columbus' Courtship, progressive proofs, etc., also the 116 plates made of the Walters Collection of Ceramics at Baltimore.

From estate of the late Waldo O. Ross, through Mrs. Waldo O. Ross, 54 volumes, including Loudon's Arboretum, 6 volumes; Stately homes of England, 2 volumes, and Irving's Tales of a traveller. original edition.

From Dr. H. T. Sears, 35 volumes of Italian literature, including Opere edite e postume di Ugo Foscolo, in 8 volumes.

From Sammel S. Shaw, a collection of pamphlets and broadsides, caricatures, etc., relating to the Dreyfus case, which supplemented the Library purchases of books on this subject.

From William D. Solier, 594 volumes, chiefly law reports of the English courts, including Coke's Reports and Institutes; Blackstone's Reports, 1746-79; Haggard's Admiralty Reports; Carrington's Reports of cases, and Wheaton's Reports of the Supreme Court of the United States. Of the 594 volumes received, the Library lacked all but 26.

From Messrs. Small, Maynard & Co., 7 volumes for the Walt Whitman collection.

From Mrs. R. H. Stevenson, 37 volumes, chiefly German literature, including Klopstock's Werke in 12 volumes, Wagner's Schriften in 12 volumes, and a German translation of Fielding's Tom Jones in 6 volumes.

From the estate of the late Henry C. Warren of Cambridge, Description de l'Égypte publiée par les ordres de l'Empereur Napoléon, Paris, 1809-28. In 20 volumes, half morocco, 11, large folio; 9, large quarto. One of the first four issues called the first edition.

From Miss Lilian Whiting, 9 manuscript letters for the Kate Field collection, and 14 volumes.

From Mrs. Justin Winsor, Shakespearian Slips. A scrapbook containing Mr. Winsor's manuscript notes on Shakespeare's Plays and Poems, together with newspaper clippings and magazine articles relating to the subject. Also 45 bound volumes of Boston Public Library catalogues and reports, many of them containing manuscript notes and additions by Mr. Winsor.

1. ENDOWMENTS.

(See page 8.)

2. WORKS OF ART.

A bronze bust of Wendell Phillips from the Wendell Phillips Memorial association, through Rev. Jesse H. Jones.

A bronze statue of Beethoven from the Handel and Haydn society. (For deposit only.)

3. MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS OF MONEY.

From James W. Dunphy, Esq., for the purchase of books on Roman Catholic literature, the sum of . . .	\$137 74
From Augustus Hemenway, Esq., for the purchase of photographs, the sum of	200 00
From Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and Messrs. Little, Brown and Co. (jointly), for the purchase of National Portrait Gallery photographs, the sum of	125 00
From Godfrey Michael Hyams, Esq., for the purchase of books, the sum of	1,000 00

4. PHOTOGRAPHS, ENGRAVINGS, MEDALS, ETC.

Adams Memorial Library	1 Photograph.
Ames Estate	Box from the corner stone of old Li- brary building.
Arnold, Howard P.	109 Photographs.
	1 Water Color.
Barnard, James M.	3 Photographs.
	31 Plates.
Boston Browning Society	1 Drawing.
Boston Transcript Co.	1 Portrait.
Bowditch, <i>Miss</i> Olivia Y.	Plates of translation of <i>Mécanique Cé- leste</i> .
Coles, J. Ackerman	1 Framed Photograph.
Davis, Joseph	2 Prints.
Garrison, Francis J.	1 Photograph.
Garrison, William Lloyd, Family of	3 Bronze and 1 Silver Medal.
	1 Charity box.
	5 Daguerreotypes.
	2 Electrotpe Plates.
	2 Woodcuts.
Harris, <i>Mrs.</i> A. F.	1 Photograph.
Helena Public Library	1 “
Hemenway, Augustus	46 “
	71 Negatives.
	71 Prints.
Hoyt Public Library	4 Photographs.
Hyams, Godfrey Michael	571 “
Iconographic society	1 Etching.
James, <i>Miss</i> M. S. R.	2 Photographs.
Knapp, George B.	114 Medals and Coins.
New Britain Institute	2 Photographs.
Oswald, R. A.	1 Photograph.
Philadelphia Free Library	23 Photographs.
Rankin, George W.	2 “
Rowell, Paul	1 Photograph.
Stebbins, N. L.	1 “
Stevens, Benjamin F.	2 Photographs.
Storer, <i>Dr.</i> Malcolm	1 Photograph.
Todd, Charles Burr	1 Engraving.
Toledo Public Library	1 Photograph.
Tolman, <i>Miss</i> Harriett S.	18 Photographs.
Turner, William G. A.	1 Wedgwood plate.
Whiting, <i>Miss</i> Lilian	1 Framed photograph.

5. BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

	Vols.	Nos.
Abbot, Francis Ellingwood	1	
Abbot Public Library, Marblehead, Mass.		1
Abbott, <i>Hon.</i> John H., Fall River, Mass.	1	
Abbott, <i>Dr.</i> Samuel W.	1	
Aberdeen Public Library, Aberdeen, Scotland		9
Abu-Khalil, Alexander . 1900 subscription to Al-Ayam		
Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pa.	2	
Academy of Natural Sciences, Conchological Section, Philadelphia		1
Academy of Science of St. Louis, St. Louis	1	8
Actors' Fund of the United States of America, New York City		1
Actuarial Society of America, New York City		15
Adadourian, <i>Rev.</i> Haig, Plymouth, Mass.	3	
Adams, Benjamin, Brooklyn	1	
Adams, <i>Prof.</i> Herbert B., Baltimore	1	
Adams Academy, Quincy, Mass.	1	
Adams Nervine Asylum		1
Adler, <i>Dr.</i> Cyrus, Washington		1
Agédar, <i>Miss</i> Josephine	7	
Agnes Scott Institute, Decatur, Ga.		1
Agram, Hungary, Statistical Bureau		10
Aguilar Free Library, New York City		20
Alabama. Bryce Insane Hospital, Tuscaloosa		1
—— Department of Education, Montgomery		1
—— Railroad Commissioners, Montgomery	13	
Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, Auburn		3
Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs, Montgomery		3
Alabama Geological Survey, University	1	
Alabama Historical Society, Tuscaloosa	2	
Albany County, N.Y., Penitentiary, Albany		7
Albany Medical College, Albany		2
Albany Medical College, Alumni Association, Albany	1	
Alcott, William P., Boxford, Mass.	6	1
Alden, <i>Rev.</i> E. J., Chicago	1	
Alden, William H., Philadelphia	1	
Alkaloidal Clinic, Publishers of, Chicago	2	1
Alliance Nationale pour l'accroissement de la Population Française, Paris		1
Altshuler, Aaron	1	
American Academy of Political and Social Science, Phila- delphia		1
American Anti-Imperialist League, Chicago		2
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester		1
American Association for the Advancement of Science	1	
American Baptist Home Mission Society, New York City		1
American Baptist Missionary Union	1	20
American Bar Association, Philadelphia	1	
American Bible Society, New York City		1
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions		8
American Carpet and Upholstery Trades, Philadelphia	1	
American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia		1
American Citizen 1899-1900 subscription		
American Climatological Association, Philadelphia	1	
American Colonization Society, Washington		3
American Congregational Association		1
American Economic Association, Baltimore		2
American Humane Association, Fall River		2
American Institute of Architects, Providence	1	

	Vols.	Nos.
American Institute of Architects, Brooklyn Chapter, Brooklyn	1	
American Institute of Homœopathy, New York City	1	
American Iron and Steel Association, Philadelphia	3	
American Jewish Historical Society, Washington		1
American Laryngological Association, Washington	1	
American Library Association		4
American Medico-Psychological Association, Baltimore	1	
American Missionary Association, New York City	1	
American Museum of Natural History, New York City		4
American National Red Cross Relief Committee, New York City	3	
American New Church Tract and Publication Society, Philadelphia		1
American Numismatic and Archæological Society, New York City		1
American Otological Society, New Bedford		1
American Peace Society	1	
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia		2
American Physiological Society		1
American Poultry Advocate, Publishers of, Syracuse	1	
American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville		2
American Public Health Association	4	1
American Purity Alliance, New York City		1
American Sewage Disposal Co.	1	
American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, Philadelphia		1
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New York City	1	1
American Society of Railroad Superintendents		1
American Surgical Association, Philadelphia	1	
American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, New York City	2	
American Unitarian Association	4	2
American Warehousemen's Association, New York City	2	5
American Water Works Association, New York City	2	
Amerikanische Turnzeitung, Milwaukee, 1899-1900 subscription		
Amerikas Westnesis 1899-1900 subscription		
Ames, Charles H.	2	
Amherst College, Amherst		1
Amherst College Library, Amherst		2
Among the Clouds, Mt. Washington, 1899 subscription		
Amsterdam, Holland, Gemeentelijk Bureau van Statistiek		9
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company	1	
Andover, Mass., Memorial Hall Library		1
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover		1
Andrews, Col. C. C., St. Paul, Minn.	1	
Angel Guardian Press	2	
Anglo-American Committee, New York City	1	
Anonymous 2 broadsides. 4 maps. 7 pieces of music	55	48
Anti-Imperialist League 8 broadsides	11	
Anutchui, Prof. O. N., Moscow	1	
Appleton, William S.	6	70
Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia	1	1
Argentine Republic. Biblioteca Nacional, Buenos Aires	1	
——— Comisión Directiva del Censo Nacional, Buenos Aires	3	
——— Dirección de Agricultura y Ganaderia, Buenos Aires		3
——— Dirección General de Estadística, Buenos Aires		10

	Vols.	Nos.
Argentine Republic. Dirección General de Estadística		
Municipal, Buenos Aires		6
Ministerio de Relaciones Interiores, Buenos Aires		2
Museo Nacional, Buenos Aires	1	3
Arizona. Adjutant General, Phoenix		1
Auditor, Phoenix		2
Arkansas. Department of Public Instruction, Little Rock		8
Governor, Little Rock		3
Treasury Department, Little Rock	1	
Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, Fayetteville		4
Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago		1
Armstrong, George W.	1	
Arnold, Howard P. 2 broadsides, 4 Mss.	15	
Art Club of Philadelphia	1	1
Art Interchange Co., New York City		1
Ashendon, Miss Sarah	1	
Asociación Salitrera de Propaganda, Iquique, Chile		11
Associated Charities of Boston		2
Associated Charities of Cambridge		12
Association of American Anatomists, Washington		1
Association of American Physicians, Philadelphia	1	
Association of Engineering Societies, Philadelphia	1	
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railway Co.		1
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APPENDIX XII.

NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

During the past year attention has been called to the need of increased endowments for the Boston Public Library. Two editorials from Boston newspapers are here reprinted :

“Bostonians are proverbially generous in supporting their great public institutions. For this reason our city stands foremost as a centre of learning, education and art. A simple statement of the fact that one of these institutions stands greatly in need of funds to carry on its work in the degree that its rank demands should, therefore, be sufficient to call forth a commensurate response. There seems to be a general impression that our Public Library is amply provided by endowment and annual appropriations with the means to assure its due development along any lines of usefulness that it has to follow. This impression is doubtless due to the gifts continually made by numerous benefactors, testifying to a more widespread interest in its welfare than is shown for any other public institution. The gifts, however, consist mainly of books and other additions to its collections, many of them of great value. In gifts of money the Public Library is the least favored of all the great institutions of learning, art, and education in the New England metropolis. The total of the endowments received since the foundation of the library, nearly a half-century ago, amounts to only \$270,000. Of that sum only the income of \$220,000 is available for the purchase of books. And, with the decreased earning power of money, this income is steadily diminishing.

“Such an endowment is small in comparison with the amounts heaped upon Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Museum of Fine Arts in the same period. In importance, magnitude, and value of its work, the Public Library holds a rank that places it on a par with a great university. It stands as the foremost institution of its kind in the world. It is not only essential to its own well-being, but to the interests of Boston as a city, that this rank should be maintained. But, unfortunately, the library is so hampered by the lack of funds for the purpose, that, on its scholarly side, it is relatively losing rank. Now that attention is called to this condition in the annual report of the library trustees, just out, Boston public spirit should not allow this loss to continue.

“Many of our men of wealth are in the habit of looking about them to see what public institutions may best become objects for

beneficence in the way either of bequests or of gifts while living. It cannot be said to be exactly a fashion in the way of bequests, but there is a sort of routine commonly followed in such matters, so that benefactions of the kind are apt to be apportioned among certain groups of institutions. For a long time the Institute of Technology was overlooked, but it has now become well established as an object of generosity. Until recently the Museum of Fine Arts was comparatively poor in endowments, but it is now one of the richest of our institutions. There is no reason why the Public Library should not be given a place in the same list.

“An institution of the kind necessarily must grow, and it must develop in manifold directions. The Museum of Fine Arts, by reason of the funds at its command, has become the leading institution of its kind in the world, in respect to certain of its departments. And lately it has been enabled to appear in the art markets of Europe in competition with the greatest museums of the old world, making in the past year or so the most important acquisitions in the way of classical antiquities anywhere achieved. In the same way, if adequately endowed, the Public Library might appear in the world's book markets and take its pick of the literary treasures that are constantly appearing on sale—treasures the possession of which are essential to the scholarly rank of the institution. It should be remembered that the scholarly rank of the library is one of the important factors that make Boston a favorite among American cities for the most desirable class of persons seeking an attractive place of residence.

“The prosperity of various leading public institutions has been actively enhanced by the practice, on the part of their friends, of ‘passing around the hat’ to obtain needed funds. It might be a good idea for influential friends of the Public Library to take organized action in a similar way.”—*From The Boston Herald of August 10, 1899.*

“It is beginning to be asked by those entrusted with directing the upward career of the Boston Public Library whether something cannot be done to get more money for buying new books. The number and size of the cash gifts to the institution since the new building went into use has been so inconsiderable, especially from our own citizens, that we wonder if there is not some public misapprehension as to the financial situation. Can it be that Boston people have been misled by appearances to suppose that because the library lives in a fine house it has a large income?

“It is farthest from the thoughts of any one concerned for the library to belittle the benefactions which have descended upon it so generously and faithfully during these five years from friends who have known its needs. Again and again upon the records, often anonymously, stand presents of books, manuscripts, cash for books, cash for photographs, and such like contributions, made at times when the representative of the institution was

obliged to go out begging for a little money that the library might hold up its head among endowed competitors in auction sales. These are the friends of the library when it has no other private friends, and it would be graceless thanks indeed to ignore or depreciate what they are doing. But the mere fact that it is found necessary to call upon such precarious sources of revenue to keep the collection even respectably near the forefront shows how wretchedly poor the establishment is.

“If anybody supposes the trustees have no other official care but to sit in their luxurious room and count money, he would better read the history of the new building. It was put up wholly by appropriation of the city. After it was nominally finished, it was found that some changes had to be made, and the city went into its pocket again. There was no endowment fund that might be drawn upon.

“Nor has the city made any attempt or any pretense of doing more than pay running expenses and buy the more popular books of which the library has made a specialty. The income from trust funds which can be spent for books is only \$9,000, which is steadily decreasing, as the city of Boston bonds in which these funds are invested are replaced with bonds bearing a lower rate of interest, and last year the miscellaneous cash gifts already mentioned amounted to only about \$4,000 more. It is out of \$13,000 per annum that the librarian is expected to maintain his collection in its traditional position as a great storehouse containing all the important books there are. Is he doing it?

“Mr. Herbert Putnam, in his report submitted after retiring from the librarianship, said he was not. He wrote: ‘On the popular side the library is developing nominally. On the scholarly side it is not developing in proper proportion. On this side the library is relatively losing rank. It will not, cannot, regain this rank, until the citizens of Boston come to its aid with further endowment.’

“How does the library stand among libraries in this matter? Philadelphia spends this year \$51,000 for books. Buffalo, with a population probably less than 300,000, spends \$20,000. Detroit and Cleveland, with still less population, spend \$8,000 to \$10,000, quite out of proportion to our own estimate, while little Minneapolis, with perhaps 175,000 people, spends this year \$12,350 in books for its public library. Not one of these cities, excepting Philadelphia, approaches Boston either in population or in wealth and business solidity. Is it possible that when our men of means are made aware of the humiliating position into which our once proudly boasted ‘greatest’ library seems in danger of falling, they will long permit the catalogue to show gap after gap in the realms of science, history, art and literature?” — *From the Boston Daily Advertiser of November 20, 1899.*

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